



English Language Arts 8

Course Outline

This course is broken down as follows:

Unit	Topic
1: Tell a Story	Creative and Critical Thinking: Overcoming Fears
2: Perspectives	Communication: Power of Oral Traditions
3: Inform and Explain	Personal and Cultural Identity: The Future
4: Impressions	Personal and Social Responsibility: Sense of Place
5: Independent Novel Study	Independent Novel Study: Relationships

Learning Outcomes:

The activities in this course are based on the [core competencies](#) and [curricular competencies](#) as provided by the Ministry of Education of BC.

Resources:

All resources are provided within the course. Students will need good access to the Internet and will be required to use some online tools. There is NO textbook required for this course. You will need to provide a novel for your independent novel study.

Course Evaluation:

Your grade for this course will be calculated as follows:

Unit 1	18%
Unit 2	18%
Unit 3	18%
Unit 4	18%
Unit 5	18%
Writer's Notebook	5%
Final Exam	5%

Communication:

Assignments are submitted directly through your course. Paper-based assignments are an option. Arrange with your teacher how those will be dropped off and picked up. Constant communication with your teacher is key to success in a DL course. Phone or email your teacher for help whenever necessary. Use the message function in your course to communicate with your teacher. Ask questions!

Goalsetting:

This course is self-paced and self-directed. Students should plan on working 5-6 hours a week on this course. It is highly recommended that the student create a calendar of monthly, weekly and even daily goals. Contact your teacher if help is needed doing this.