

Literacy and Comprehension I

Course Overview and Syllabus

Course Number: N/A

Grade level: 6–8

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 1.0

Course Description

Literacy and Comprehension I is one of two semester-long intervention courses designed to support the development of strategic reading and writing skills. These courses use a thematic and contemporary approach, including high-interest topics to motivate students and expose them to effective instructional principles using diverse content area and real-world texts. Both courses offer an engaging technology-based interface that inspires and challenges students to gain knowledge and proficiency in the following comprehension strategies: summarizing, questioning, previewing and predicting, recognizing text structure, visualizing, making inferences, and monitoring understanding with metacognition. Aimed at improving fluency and vocabulary, self-evaluation strategies built into these courses inspire students to take control of their learning.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Read a variety of texts from discrete fields and apply strategies to readings
- Learn and practice the writing process from idea development to revision
- Apply language skills across all areas and fields
- Strengthen vocabulary skills to help contextualize meaning
- Develop analytical media literacy skills applicable to various genres

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course would. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on the following activities:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your

speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Assignments	10%
Essays	20%
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	30%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

Unit 1: Literacy and Comprehension: An Introduction

Unit 2: The Environment: Extreme Weather

Unit 3: The Animals: Amazing

Unit 4: The Arts: World Artists Discovered

Unit 5: Technology: The World of Gaming

Unit 6: The Medical Field: Mystery Illnesses Through the Ages

Unit 7: The Stories We Spin: Ancient and Modern Myths Uncovered

Unit 8: Engineering Today: The Challenge - Transportation