

This course focuses on the development of your reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. In order to be successful in this course, you should do the following:

1. **Be prepared and organized.** Make sure that your duotang is neat and up to date. Bring all necessary materials to class.
2. **Attend classes regularly and be on time.**
3. **Use class time wisely.** Use the time given in class to complete your work. Avoid distractions.
4. **Ask for help.** Questions are learning opportunities.
5. **Be responsible.** If you are away, find out what you missed.
6. **Be positive.** Celebrate your accomplishments!

Assignment Weighting: Different tasks will receive different weight when determining your overall mark.

Weight of 1: early, small, and short tasks such as poems, quizzes, and worksheets

Weight of 2: later, repeated (things you've practiced), and medium tasks such as character sketch paragraphs, reading journals, mini-presentations, ad designs, and reading strategies tests

Weight of 3: long writing tasks such as stories, monologues, scripts, news reports, and essays

Units of Study and Assessment:

Unit	Tasks	Timeline
70% Term: Knowledge/Understanding=17.5, Thinking=17.5, Communication=17.5, Application=17.5		
1. Reading Skills and Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information texts • Visual and Graphic texts 	-reading skills quizzes	1.5 weeks
2. Who Am I? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity Poems 	-“I Am From” and “I Wish” poems -poetry analysis	1.5 weeks
3. Short Story Analysis	-character traits: personality, emotional, and physical -plot graph -character wheel -character sketch paragraph -introduction to journaling: analyzing, inferencing, and making connections -reading comprehension tests	3 weeks
4. Secret Voices: <i>Take the Stairs</i>	-character wheel -conflict chart -personal narrative: memoir or autobiographical sketch	3 weeks
5. Novel Study: <i>Double or Nothing</i>	-reading strategies -connections to film -character, conflict, theme, and symbol -journals -script and monologue writing	3 weeks
6. Advertising and Media	-reading skills review -concept mall for teens -ad analysis and design -gathering research -series of paragraphs expressing an opinion	3 weeks
30% Summative Assessment		
7. Think Like a Detective: Culminating Tasks	-research – 10% -news report – 10% -slide presentation – 10%	3 weeks