

Bur Oak Secondary School
Grade 11 University Preparation English
ENG 3U1

Course Description

While this course will provide students with the opportunity to write creatively, students will focus on academic writing. A key task is the inquiry essay, which will serve as a chronicle of the students' thinking throughout the course. Students submit the inquiry essay twice – once before midterm, and once again toward the end of the course. Revisions to the first submission will be guided by specific teacher and peer feedback and by the evolution of the student's own thinking as a result of ongoing and new in-class experiences with a variety of texts. Besides their book club novels, students will read another novel independently to include in the revision of their inquiry essay.

Through the process of *Group Investigation*, students will collaborate to develop and organize material for their inquiry essays and G.I. presentations. Students will read a variety of essays and fictional texts (short stories, novels, poetry, and Shakespearean drama) that must be referred to in their written and oral work. Students will extend their listening and speaking skills during conferences, book clubs, colloquies, and G.I. presentations. Students may have the opportunity to extend their oral communication skills by participating in a formal poetry recitation event.

Specific tasks related to poetry, colloquies, and group investigation will provide students with opportunities to produce media works using technology.

Weighting

Critical Term Work		70%
Knowledge & Understanding	15%	
Thinking & Inquiry	20%	
Communication	20%	
Application	15%	
Final Evaluation		30%
G. I. Presentation	15%	
Written Examination	15%	

Tasks	Weighting
Inquiry Essay	3
Book Club	2
Digital Poetry Task (T-Shirt Design)*/Poetry in Voice Performance**	2
ISU Colloquies/G.I. Preparation	2
Mini-Essay (Unit One)	1
Tests/Quizzes	1
*students who elect to design a t-shirt will be required to provide their own materials	
**the poetry unit may be extended or modified to include the recitation of a poem	