

English Language Arts 20-1 (5 Credits)

Course Description

The English 20-1 course is taught through five units designed to meet the general and specific learning outcomes of Alberta Learning. The focus of the course is to assist students in achieving an appreciation for and understanding of literature and its purpose within society. The study of literature is intended to help students reflect on the significance of cultural values and universal themes that are the fundamental elements of the human condition. By studying the “craft” of text creation, students will develop their creative as well as cognitive/analytical abilities.

Students will also be given opportunities to read and respond personally, creatively and critically to various forms of literature – such as personal essays, poetry, short stories, a Shakespearean play and a fictional novel(s). Finally, students will be introduced to and will practice the two written Components-Personal Response Essay and Critical/Analytical Essay-of the current English 30-1: Part A Diploma Exam, to better prepare them for this provincial exam.

Alberta Education Program of Studies for English 20-1 can be found at:

<https://education.alberta.ca/media/160418/ela-pos-10-12.pdf>