

12th Grade College Prep English -- Kasenow

College Prep English is a course that is required by the state of Florida for all students who scored below 104 on the PERT reading test OR below 99 on the PERT writing test in their junior year. The goals of the course are to prepare students to pass the PERT exam that is required for all students who will attend Florida colleges or universities, and to prepare students for the rigors of college-level reading and writing. To that end, students will study a wide variety of texts, both fiction and nonfiction, in order to determine the author's purpose and understand the ways in which the author has shaped language to achieve that purpose. Since the PERT writing test requires understanding of correct English grammar and usage as well as an adequate vocabulary, there will be daily grammar lessons and weekly quizzes on grammar and prefixes/suffixes. Since the PERT exam is the final exam for this class, the curriculum for the month of April will consist mainly of intensive ACT preparation, as the ACT is similar in style and content to the PERT. Last year, nearly all of my students passed both sections of the PERT at the end of the year, so I am confident that if you work hard, you will pass the test and be successful in college. Students will need to purchase two novels, marked by asterisks (*). I will show you the websites where used copies are extremely inexpensive.

Introduction to Textual Analysis and Writing (3 weeks)

“voice” in writing using quotations to support a thesis
author's purpose and literary devices
main idea, primary, and secondary support

Tragedy (6 wks.)

Sophocles, Oedipus Rex the elements of formal logic and argumentation
Shakespeare, Macbeth selection of argumentative essays
presentation of a scene from Macbeth

Women in Society (5 wks.)

Walker, “Everyday Use” *Hurston, Their Eyes Were Watching God
Ibsen, A Doll House selection of Harlem Renaissance poems

The Elements of Persuasion (3 weeks)

the elements of persuasion Film: Food, Inc.
selection of persuasive essays Sophocles, Antigone
Groups create own product, advertisement using persuasive techniques

Visions of the Future (4 weeks)

Rand, Anthem film: Gattaca
*Huxley, Brave New World

Film Analysis

Hitchcock, Psycho
Wachowski, The Matrix

At the same time as the film analysis unit, you will receive intensive daily preparation for the PERT exam. Congratulations: you're ready for college.