

## English I/II

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**Grade:** 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

**Fees:** \$30 per month + one time \$20 copy/supply fee (non-refundable)

**Textbook:** Blue Book of Grammar & Punctuation 11<sup>th</sup> Edition + Novels

**Course Description:** This course aims to develop and expand the student's ability to read critically by studying various works of literature. Special emphasis will be placed on literary analysis, annotation, reading and writing skills, and vocabulary development. The class will also provide strategies for understanding literature, regular vocabulary practice, regular grammar exercises, and tips for succeeding on the reading and English portions of the ACT. We will use *Format Writing* by Frode Jensen as our guide for paragraph & essay writing.

### Course Objectives:

1. Learn to appreciate literature by reading critically.
2. Analyze, evaluate, and compare various works of literature -reading between the lines.
3. Express analysis and practice writing skills through academic writing such as narrative, definition, cause & effect, persuasive, & expository essays.
4. Apply spelling, grammar, and editing skills in writing.
5. Demonstrate comprehension of material through regularly scheduled quizzes and tests.
6. ACT vocabulary, practice exercises & practice tests

### Supplies/Books Needed:

\*3-Ring Binder with paper & dividers. **Will also need access to computer/printer weekly.**

\*The following books can be purchased "used" through amazon.com, abebooks.com, or any other website

\*\*\*Buy books USED\*\*\*

*The Blue Book of Grammar & Punctuation 11<sup>th</sup> edition* by Jane Straus—you can also download it for free at this link, however I think it would be easier to purchase one. If you have more than one child taking my classes, they can share this book.

<https://cvdvn.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/blue-book-of-grammar.pdf>

*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

*Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi

I will have one more novel – not chosen yet

