PIB PREP ENGLISH 10 COURSE SYLLABUS

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This course is designed to explore all genres of American literature including poetry, short stories, novels, dramas and non-fiction. Using mentor texts, students will expand writing skills and build on grammar basics. In preparation for IB English, students will gain:

* a personal appreciation of language and literature
* skills in literary criticism
* an understanding of stylistic and aesthetic qualities of texts
* strong powers of expression, both written and oral

**1st Semester Study – Quarter 1**

*Literature Focus*: 19th Century American literary classics, poetry, short stories, rhetoric

*Composition*: Literary Analysis and Comparative Textual Analysis - **Focus**: poetic devices, connotation and denotation, MLA format, thesis statements, parallel structure, transitions

**Quarter 2**

*Literature Focus:* Transcendentalism – essays by Emerson and Thoreau, American Dream – *The Great Gatsby* by Fitzgerald**– Focus**: tone, structure, critical approaches to literature

*Composition***:** Debate **– Focus**: organization of ideas, counter-argument

**2nd Semester Study – Quarter 3**

*Literature Focus:* Drama *– Macbeth* by Shakespeare, *A Raisin in the Sun* by Hansberry – **Focus**: social and historical contexts, symbolism, dramatic elements, race relations

*Composition*: Investigative Report – **Focus:** first-hand research, journalistic structures

**Quarter 4**

*Literature Focus:* Contemporary literature **-** *Catcher in the Rye* by Salinger  **Focus**: analyzing perspective, questioning credibility, form and function

*Composition:* Short Fiction – focus: imagery, figurative language, theme, audience, purpose