

Reading Comprehension, Part 2 (READ-035-S002)

Syllabus

What You Should Already Know

There are no specific prerequisite courses that you need to have completed in order to take this course. You may have already taken the first part of the course, Reading Comprehension: Understanding Literature 1. If you have, great! You will be familiar with the format of the course. If you haven't, don't worry at all. You don't need to have taken the first part of the course.

However, in order to be successful and have a good experience in this course, you should feel comfortable reading at a seventh grade level. Most of the contemporary literature excerpts included in the course are from Newbery Award-winning books. Some of the classic literature we will be reading is more advanced than typical seventh-grade-level literature, but throughout the course you will gain new skills and techniques that will help you deal with the more difficult literature.

Course Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to

- Define specific feelings found in each unit.
- Read literature of various levels and themes.
- Review your knowledge of pre-reading comprehension strategies.
- Improve your reading skills through use of comprehension strategies during reading to actively construct the meaning of the text.
- Use comprehension skills after reading to reflect and learn from the text.
- Interpret and recognize different genres of literary texts.
- Express your reactions to the issues and themes found in the literature through writing and other activities.

Course Materials

The course manual is the only textbook or material required for this course. You do not have to buy any additional textbooks.

Assignments

You will complete these assignments during the course.

Self Checks

Self Check questions check your comprehension of important facts from the lessons in each unit. Self Check exercises do not count toward your grade, but they will prepare you for the unit quizzes. Additionally, at the end of each unit there is a section titled “Looking Back.” Take this opportunity to write and think more deeply about the issues found in the literature.

Unit Quizzes

Unit Quizzes are more comprehensive and follow each unit, asking you to apply what you have learned from the unit and to interpret some of the meanings found in the reading selections. These quizzes are graded.

Exams

You will complete one proctored final exam for this course. The comprehensive final exam contains 50 questions. See the Exam Preparation page for details.

Grading

Your grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams:

Assignment or Exam	Grading	Percent of Total Grade
8 Unit Quizzes	Computer	80%
1 Proctored Final Exam*	Computer	20%

* You must pass the final exam with at least a 60% to earn credit for the course.

Grade Scale

Your letter grade is calculated according to these percentages.

A	100% – 93%
A–	92% – 90%
B+	89% – 87%
B	86% – 83%
B–	82% – 80%
C+	79% – 77%
C	76% – 73%
C–	72% – 70%
D+	69% – 67%
D	66% – 63%
D–	62% – 60%
E (fail)	59% – 0%