

## Senior English Essential Learnings

The student...

### Literature

1. Reads and interprets literature
  - makes connections to concepts such as universal themes, influence of culture, style
  - analyzes characters, including motivation, relationships, society
  - justifies the interpretation with specific information from the text
  - uses literary terminology accurately

### Reading

2. Uses appropriate strategies to comprehend fiction and nonfiction text
  - uses prior knowledge to enhance comprehension and make connections
  - develops sensory images from what is read
  - determines most important ideas and themes when reading
  - paraphrases text
  - makes inferences
  - synthesizes information

### Composition

3. Writes and edits compositions to address specific audiences for specific purposes
  - selects appropriate formats for the purpose and audience, including literary and research writing, business and journalistic writing, and special applications such as journals and social notes
  - purposefully revises own writing, emphasizing clarity, logic, elaboration, coherence
  - routinely uses varied sentence structures
  - adjusts word choice and vocabulary
  - organizes and synthesizes information from multiple sources
  - Uses research methods effectively, from background reading and evaluating sources to preparing an appropriate final product

### Language

4. Produces grammatically correct documents using standard manuscript specifications
  - Edits writing for grammatical correctness, with emphasis on active voice, subject-verb agreement, pronoun referents, and parallel construction
  - Consistently edits conventions of written English
  - Uses a standard manuscript guide, as required by the teacher