

English 9 /Lifepacs

I. Course Description

This course will review basic grammar and sentence structure. It will improve spelling accuracy and writing clarity. Two novel studies will be included.

II. Instructional Materials

Lifepac Language Arts 900 by Alpha Omega Publications, Oct `o4 printing

Spelling Power by Castlemoyer Books, 1991

The Miracle Worker: A Play by William Gibson, by Pocket Books 2002

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Scholastic 2004

III. Goals and Objectives and Course Outline

1. Structure of Language- Nouns, adjectives, verbs, prepositions, adverbs, conjunctions
2. Nature of Language- Origin of language, oral and written use of language, dictionary skills, writing a paper
3. Practical English- Dictionary use, mnemonics, writing a paper, five minute speech
4. Short story fundamentals- Plot, setting, characterization, conflict, symbolism
5. Language in literature- Collective nouns, verbs, use of comparisons, gerunds, participles, literary genres
6. Enhanced reading skills- Author's message, using visual aids, understanding poetry
7. Communication- Planning a speech, listening comprehension, business letters, informal letters, social letters
8. Library and drama- Library resources, ddrama history, drama elements, drama reading, *The Miracle Worker*
9. Studies in the novel- history, define, write, critical essay, *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*
10. Master twenty-word lists of similar use spelling words

IV. Teaching Methods

1. Daily lessons and included worksheets with periodic self-tests and nine section tests.
2. Spelling drills
3. Parent/student interaction/conversation

- V. Evaluation
 - 1. Components
 - a. Self tests
 - b. Middle tests
 - c. Term Paper
 - 2. Grading
 - a. 90-100 A
 - b. 80-89 B
 - c. 70-79 C
 - d. 60-69 D