

# ENGLISH

## IB Course Content

Two-year course sequence at the High Level only. Study of selected works of world literature of recognized literary merit, including novels, drama, non-fiction, and poetry. Personal response to the literature and original thinking are emphasized.

## IB Course Assessments

Two "World Literature Assignments":

Two 1,000-1,500-word essays that deal with specific aspects of world literature selections. After developing original topics, students write essays outside of class with teachers providing only general feedback. First essay due junior year; second due senior year.

(Both are externally assessed.)

Two oral assessments:

"Individual Presentation" based on two works studied in the junior year and presented in class.

"Individual Commentary," close reading response to passage taken from works studied in the first semester of the senior year.

(Both are internally assessed.)

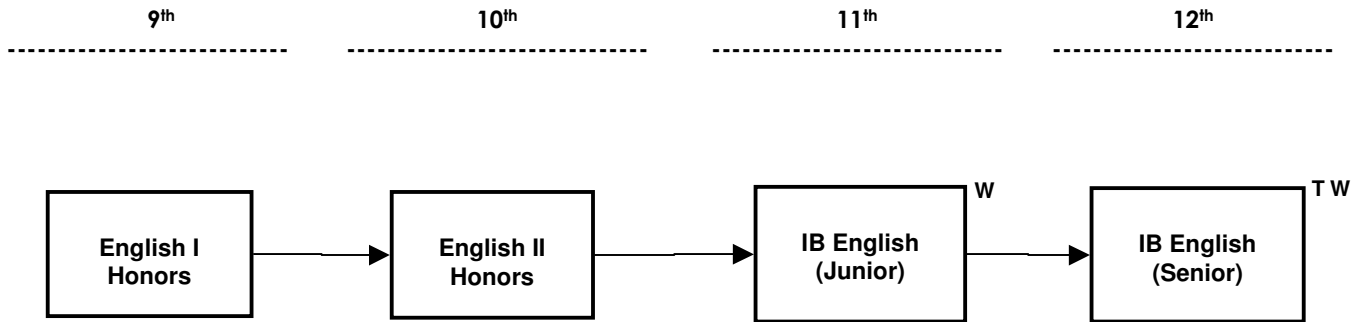
## IB Examination

First Exam (Paper 1): "Unseen Commentary." This 2-hour essay exam is based on student analysis of either a poem or prose passage that has not been studied in class. Students select either the poem or the prose and write their interpretation of what the piece conveys and how the author constructs the work. No guiding questions are provided. Emphasis is given to understanding and interpretation of the work as well as analysis of literary techniques. Examiners also consider organization and language used in student essays.

Second Exam (Paper 2): "Exam." Students select one guiding question and write about two works studied second semester of the senior year. This 2-hour essay exam is assessed on understanding and interpretation of the works. Examiners focus on students' knowledge of effects of literary techniques, as well as organization of the essay and language used.

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The Language Arts curriculum is only offered at the High Level.



**Notes:** All courses are 1.0 credit (full-year) unless otherwise specified.  
“W” refers to weighted courses.  
“T” is the course after which the IB exam is given.