

English B

Course Overview

This course prepares you for the IB Diploma exams for English B. During the course, we will explore five themes

- **Identities**
- **Experiences**
- **Human Ingenuity**
- **Social Organization**
- **Sharing the Planet**

These will allow you to become familiar with the content needed for the Internal Assessment and background for the Writing Assessment (Paper 1):

We will also explore different ways of expressing ourselves orally and in writing by looking at these text types:

- Formal letters
- Reviews
- Blogs
- Speeches
- News reports
- Brochures
- Guidelines
- Official reports
- Essays

Literature

In the High Level course, we will cover at least two literary works. Texts vary from year to year but usually include some of the following:

- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- A collection of Short Stories

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Year 12

Identities

Identity as a Citizens of the World

- What does it mean to be a citizen of the world?
- How do you develop your sense of identity in a globalized world?
- What kinds of experiences have contributed to your sense of identity?

Belief and Identity

- To what extent is your identity defined by what you believe?
- How have you come to believe what you believe?
- How do people express their beliefs through language?

Beauty and Health

- To what extent is your definition of “beauty” shaped by the media?
- What are the effects of the media’s narrow definition of beauty?

Experiences

Pilgrimage

- Why do people go on pilgrimages?
- What kinds of experiences are important to spiritual, religious or secular people?

Extreme Sports

- Why do people take unnecessary risks in extreme sports?
- How does sport help shape identity?

Migration

- Why do people migrate?
- How is migration changing the world?

At least one literary work is covered in year 12.

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Year 13

Social organization

Minorities and Education

- What problems do social minorities face?
- How can education help alleviate these problems.

Partners for Life

- What does “marriage” mean to you and your culture?
- What constitutes a good marriage or partnership?

The Future of Jobs

- How has globalization affected employment practices and opportunities?
- How is technology changing the way people are employed and work?

Sharing the Planet

Ending Poverty

- How can poverty be eradicated?
- What can you do to help make the world a more equitable place?

Climate Change

- How and why is the climate changing?
- What can you do to help prevent climate change?

Power to the People

- How are young people fighting for a safer and fairer world?
- What is the importance of democracy in solving social injustices?

One additional literary work will be covered in Year 13.

Internal Assessment