



# Essential Literacy

The following learning targets represent the major concepts studied and assessed in this course.

This course is designed to build the foundational literacy skills necessary for success in rigorous high school coursework. Essential Literacy is based on specific fundamentals of:

- reading closely and analytically to comprehend a range of increasingly complex literary and informational texts.
- Producing effective and well-grounded writing for a range of purposes and audiences.
- Employing effective speaking and listening skills for a range of purposes and audiences.
- Engaging in research/inquiry to investigate topics and to analyze, integrate and present information.

Throughout the course students will:

- Participate in teacher-led strategy and vocabulary instruction paired with collaborative practice.
- Utilize Reading Plus, a computer-based instruction platform, to build individual reading skills.

Reading Plus will help students:

- Become a stronger, more confident reader.
- Learn to read faster, recognize new words, and comprehend what has been read.
- Read textbooks, novels, articles, blog posts, and other pieces of text more easily.
- Develop new interests and enjoy learning about things through reading.