



Desert Hills High School  
**Honors Language Arts 11**

## 2018-19 COURSE GRADING

### ► **Category 1: Essential Learning Goals Assessments: 80%**

#### **GVC 1: Text Analysis—Reading, viewing, and listening**

Identify, understand, and analyze an author's purpose, central ideas, and use of literal and figurative language in various kinds of literary and informational texts. Cite explicit and inferential evidence to support conclusions and compare texts.

- Assessments: reading quizzes, oral and written responses, presentations

#### **GVC 2: Written and oral composition**

Compose texts of analysis, exposition, and argument that are clearly worded, logically organized, sufficiently developed, and supported with documented textual evidence.

- Assessments: 1 literary essay each quarter; blog posts, written responses, presentations

#### **GVC 3: Language skills and expression**

Make effective word, phrasing, and style choices for an audience, including following conventions of Standard English and MLA formatting for academic writing. Comprehend and use appropriate grade-level vocabulary in written and oral texts. (20%)

- Assessments: Vocabulary tests, skills quizzes, application in speaking and writing

### ► **Category 2: Skills Practice and Learning Activities: 20%**

Practice to build essential skills and knowledge by completing various assignments, participating in collaborative projects, and submitting practice for timely teacher feedback. Skills-building learning activities include **blogging** (reading, language, and writing practice); vocabulary study; reading responses; language skills practice; and in-class composition practice

#### **Coursework management skills**

Demonstrate successful self-management skills for college readiness, employability, and citizenship.

- Assessments: Completing assignments as assigned (timeliness and following directions); arrival for and participation in class learning activities; focus and participation during collaborative activities. Late work in this category loses 10% of credit toward the grade