Course Outline

Intensive English Program: Reading and Vocabulary Development with Topics in American Culture 1

Required texts:  For Your Information 1  
               Vocabulary Power 2

Course Description: Reading 1 prepares students to read texts at a fourth-grade level and develops reading comprehension skills through reading for meaning, identifying main ideas, details, inferring meaning from context, word analysis skills with basic prefixes, suffixes and roots, summarizing plots and main ideas orally and in writing, interpreting charts, graphs and tables, and discussing content. Students aim to develop a 1,000-word vocabulary, develop reading fluency and read a variety of materials related to topics in American culture.

Student Learning Objectives (what students will be able to do by the end of the course):
• Read for meaning: main ideas and details
• Use contextual cues to make inferences
• Analyze words and identify the meanings for prefixes, suffixes, and roots
• Summarize plots and main ideas orally and in writing
• Interpret charts, graphs and tables

Assignments/Activities:
  Textbook and workbook exercises
  Oral exercises
  Vocabulary Quizzes and tests
  Pair and group work
  Written homework assignments
  Written summaries

Methods of Evaluation:
  Tests and quizzes
  Short written responses to comprehension questions
  Class participation
  Homework completion