

KILLARNEY
SECONDARY
SCHOOL



English Courses 2023-2024

grades 10-12

New BC English Language Arts Curriculum 10-12

Features:

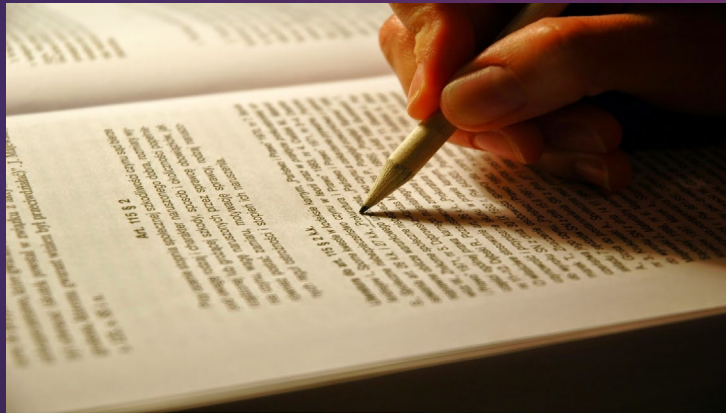
- ▶ **Clear curricular competencies (goals for learning)**
- ▶ **Increased inquiry and project-based learning**
- ▶ **Includes Indigenous perspectives and ways of knowing**
- ▶ **Supports diverse learners within the classroom**

Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement

- ▶ Beginning with the Grad class of 2024, all students will need to complete FOUR credits (one course) of Indigenous-Focused studies.
- ▶ In the English department, we are offering English First Peoples courses at grades, 10,11 and 12. You can fulfill your English Language arts requirement AND your Indigenous-Focused Grad requirement **at the same time!**

English First Peoples 10 (EFP 10)

Literary Studies + Writing



English First Peoples 10 Literary Studies + Writing

- ▶ The course surveys Indigenous literatures across a variety of genres including short stories, novels, poems, drama, films, and graphic texts, all created by Indigenous writers and artists across Canada. Students will develop their skills of close reading and analysis, as well as their written compositions.
- ▶ EFP 10 will explore themes such storytelling, oral traditions, identity, belonging, relationships, childhood, family, place, resilience and reconciliation.

English First Peoples 10

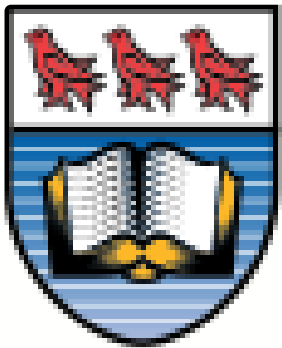
In 2023-24, Killarney will offer ONLY the English First Peoples 10 course for the English Language Arts 10 requirement. We hope you are excited to join us with “good hearts and good minds” on our collective journey to deepen our understanding of the lived experiences of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.



Choices for English 1 1 Credit...



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**University
of Victoria**

Both options will
satisfy College
and University
admission
standards!

You Have TWO Options!

You are required to take ONE option worth 4 credits.

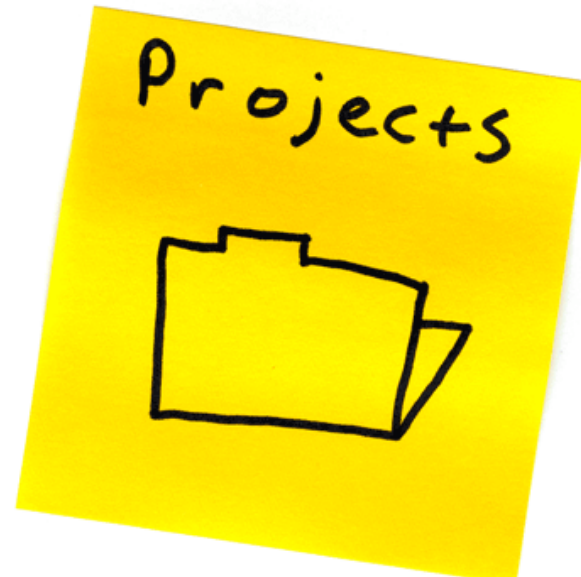
- ▶ **Option #1: Literary Studies 11** **4 credits**

- ▶ **Option #2: English First Peoples 11**
 (Literary Studies + Writing) **4 credits**

Both English Courses are Academically Similar!

- ▶ **Both options will focus on the English skills of**
- ▶ **1. Comprehending and Connecting** (reading, listening and viewing)
- ▶ **2. Creating and Communicating** (writing, speaking and representing)

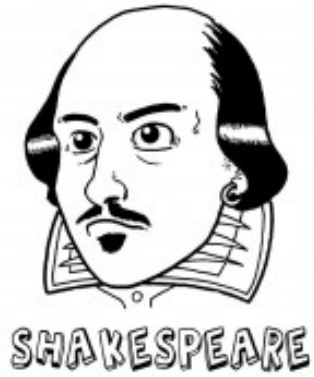
In both courses, you will still do the following...



Literary Studies 11



- ❖ Exploring Indigenous and non-Indigenous themes, cultures and identities through literary works (fiction and non-fiction) in a variety of genres.
- ❖ Increasing literacy skills through close reading of appropriately challenging texts.
- ❖ Expanding development as educated global citizens.
- ❖ Broadening your understanding of yourselves and your world.
- ❖ Developing your skills of analysis
- ❖ Further developing high level thinking and writing skills



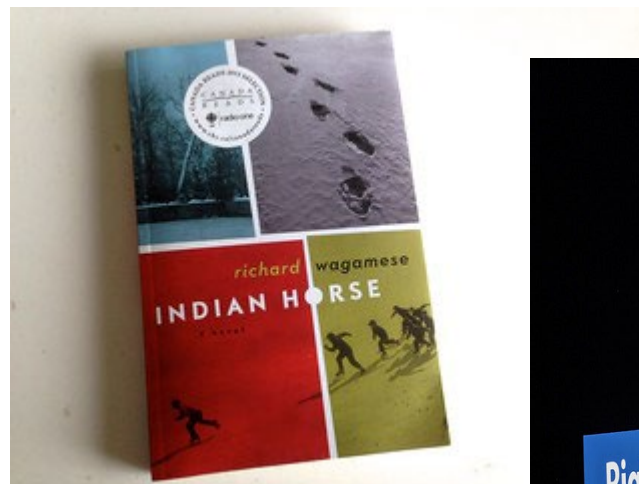
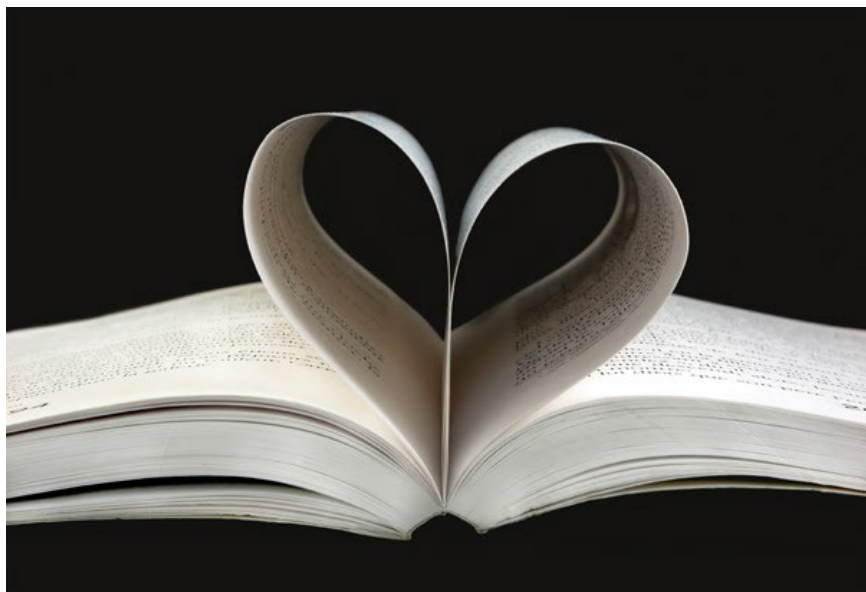
Literary Studies 11

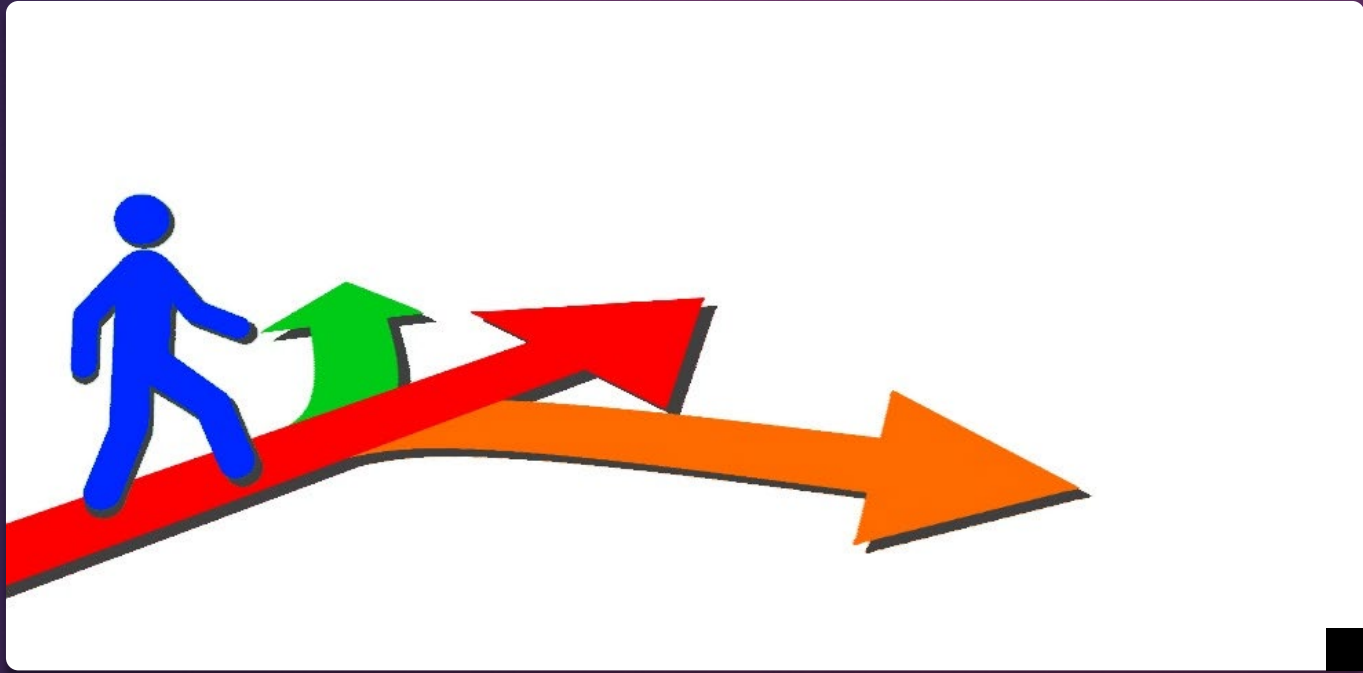
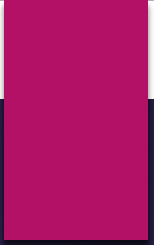
English First Peoples 11:

Literary Studies + Writing

- ❖ This course focuses on the experiences, values, beliefs and lived realities of First Peoples provincially, nationally, and internationally.
- ❖ Students delve deeply into Indigenous texts in a range of genres (novels, stories, poems, drama, films, graphic texts) to explore various themes, authors, and topics.
- ❖ Students will study and create a variety of written texts to strengthen their own personal and academic writing.
- ❖ EFP 11 themes may include: the history of colonization, identity, rites of passage, community, responsibility, sacred/traditional stories, connectedness, the history of residential schools, the relationship to the natural world and to the cosmos.

EFP 11 (Literary Studies + Writing)





Both look
awesome,
so how do
I choose?

Consider...

- ▶ **What are your future education plans?**
- ▶ **Have you fulfilled your Indigenous-Focused Grad Requirement?**
- ▶ **What are your future career plans?**
- ▶ **What option offers you an opportunity to develop your skills?**
- ▶ **What option pushes your passion button?**

Need more information? Talk to your current English teacher!

English Language Arts 12

Students must successfully complete one of the following courses to graduate from high school.

- ▶ **English Studies 12**
- ▶ **English First Peoples 12**



English Studies 12

In English Studies 12 students will study a variety of texts from Indigenous and non-Indigenous authors. These will include short fiction, poetry, novels, plays, films and other media texts.

Students will use critical thinking to analyze texts and create various demonstrations of their learning including written compositions, projects, debates, and presentations.

English Studies 12 Continued...

Course goals include:

- ▶ deepening the understanding of self and others in a changing world
- ▶ gaining insight into the diverse factors that shape identity
- ▶ appreciating the importance of self-representation through text
- ▶ contributing to Reconciliation by building greater understanding of the knowledge and perspectives of First Peoples
- ▶ expanding understanding of what it means to be an educated Canadian and a global citizen

English First Peoples 12

- ▶ EFP 12 offers students the opportunity to engage with a wide variety of authentic Indigenous texts to explore the worlds of First Peoples both within and outside Canada.
- ▶ Oral story, speech, poetry, drama, songs, films and prose (fiction and non-fiction) will open students to the experiences, values, beliefs and lived realities of Canada's First Peoples. Students in EFP 12 will further develop their skills of close analysis, critical thinking and effective communication of ideas through increasingly sophisticated multi-genre texts and projects.
- ▶ By engaging with Indigenous texts, students will appreciate and understand how language constructs and reflects personal, social and cultural identities.

English First Peoples 12: THEMES

A pair of hands, one larger and one smaller, are shown cupping a small green plant with several leaves and a thin stem. The plant is growing out of a small amount of dark soil. The background is a blurred, natural outdoor setting, possibly a field or garden. The overall tone is soft and focused on the central image of the hands and the plant.

connection to the land

tradition

healing

balance

well-being

the importance of elders

the loss (and affirmation) of identity

the nature of spirituality as an aspect of wisdom

resilience and renewal.

English Department Electives

- ▶ **Psychology 11 (Does not count for an English credit)**

Psychology 11

(Open to interested students in grade 11 or 12)

Psychology 11 (not an English credit) will introduce students to the following topics:

- ❖ Love and attraction
- ❖ Violence and aggression
- ❖ Motivation and emotion
- ❖ Brain physiology
- ❖ Sleep, dreams and altered states of consciousness
- ❖ Stress
- ❖ Personality theories
- ❖ Mental illnesses

Psychology 11 Cont.



- ▶ In Psychology 11, students will study a survey of topics designed to increase self-awareness and to develop a personal tool-kit to live a happier, healthier life.
- ▶ Students will have choice in assignments and projects. Unit tests come with study guides for easy preparation.

Provincial Assessments for Literacy

**Students will write TWO provincial assessments of their literacy skills.
These assessments do not affect the student's mark in English classes.
These are separate items on the student's transcript.**

- ▶ **GLA 10 will be written in the semester of your grade 10 English course**
- ▶ **GLA 12 will be written in the semester of your grade 12 English course**

The Literacy Assessments will show a profile on the proficiency scale...

Emerging

Developing

Proficient

Extending