

RACL SAT/ACT English Spring 2020

About the Instructor:

Hello! My name is Hannah Gatlin. I am a senior at NC State University with a major in English: Creative Writing and a double minor in Horticulture and Women's and Gender Studies. I plan on getting my M.A. in English Literature and eventually pursuing my PhD so that I can be a professor of English Literature and continue my research on women in literature of the Victorian era.

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About the class:

I'm very excited to be teaching this class! I hope to connect with all of the students and to get their SAT and ACT scores to the highest that they can be. Through weekly reading homework, essay writing practice, and in-class writing and language exercises, I hope to prepare your students for not only the SAT and ACT but also future high school and college level courses.

Required Texts:

- [The Official ACT Prep Guide 2019-2020](#) (\$17.99 on amazon)
 - This book is required for class as we will be using the Reading, Standard English Conventions, and Essay sections for our in-class practice.
- OPTIONAL: [50 SAT & ACT Passages You Will Enjoy](#) (\$17.99 on amazon)
 - I have purchased this book and will be using it for a majority our reading homework. I make it optional only because I will be printing these passages to hand out to students to take home. However, I thought it might be useful for practice outside of the class if the student wishes to use it as such.

Schedule:

1/18/20: Introductions

Brief PowerPoint on ACT Scoring

ACT Diagnostic Test

Homework: *War of the Worlds* by H.G Wells Reading and Questions (Main Idea)

1/25/20: **Chinese New Year. No class.**

2/1/20: Give back graded Diagnostic Tests

Review Homework (Main Idea definition)

Commas (comma splices, run-on/fused sentences) and Apostrophes + Practice

Homework: "The Story of an Hour" by Kate Chopin Reading and Questions (Attitude)

2/8/20: Review Homework (Attitude Definition)

Colons, Semicolons, and Dashes + Practice

Homework: “On Nomination to the Supreme Court” by Sonia Sotomayor (Rhetoric)

2/15/20: Review Homework (Rhetoric Intro)

Periods, Question Marks, and Exclamation Points + Practice

Homework: “The Dangers of Spaceflight” NASA Reading and Questions (Function)

2/22/20: Review Homework (Function)

Grammatical Agreement (shifts in pronoun person or number, shifts in verb tense or voice) and Pronouns and Antecedents + Practice

Homework: “The Division of Labor” by Adam Smith Reading (Vocabulary)

2/29/20: Review Homework (Kahoot Vocab)

Comparative and Superlative Modifiers, Pronoun forms and cases + Practice

Homework: “The Pendulum” by Ray Bradbury Reading and Questions

3/7/20: Teacher out of class, substitute

Review Homework

Reading Section Practice: determining the main idea of paragraph/passage, making generalizations, analyzing the author's voice and method (substitute collect, grade)

No Homework: Midterm Exam next week

3/14/20: Teacher out of class, substitute

Midterm Practice Exam

3/21/20: Review Homework

ACT Essay vs. SAT Essay: Go over practice prompts and brainstorm in groups

Homework: Take Home ACT Practice Essay to be turned in 3/28/20

3/28/20: Collect Essays

Reading Section Practice: understanding cause-effect relationships, determining the meaning of words from context, understanding comparative relationships, understanding sequence of events + Practice Reading Sections and Questions

Review SAT Essay

Homework: *Emma* (Abridged) by Jane Austen Reading and Questions

Take Home SAT Practice Essay to be turned in 4/18/20

4/4/20: No class. Spring Break!

4/11/20: No class. Spring Break!

4/18/20: Review Homework

Collect Essays

Opportunity to ask essay questions

Conventions of Standard English Review and Practice

Homework: Conventions of Standard English Handout

4/25/20: Return Essays

Review Homework Handout

Reading Section Review: discuss the different types of passages presented and how to tackle each type effectively + Practice Questions

Homework: *Earthquakes* by Kaye M. Shedlock and Louis C. Pakiserm + Questions

5/2/20: Review Homework

Vocabulary Kahoot

Test Taking Strategies

Homework: Choice of either an SAT or ACT Essay Prompt to submit with final exam

5/9/20: Collect Essays

Final Exam

5/16/20: Return graded essays

Return graded exams

End of Year class party!