

Grundkurs 11th Grade Mother Tongue English



Course Information

Theme: American Traditions in Literature

GK MT English -- Who can take this course?

- Both Abitur and Diploma students!
- Abitur students remain in the course for two years
- Diploma students can decide in 12th to take:
 - AP Literature (fiction and poetry)
 - Ap Language (non-fiction, rhetoric, argumentation, speeches)
 - Or to remain in GK MT
 - Note: All these classes focus on British and World Literature in 12th

GK MT English information

Students in this basic level English course...

- meet five hours per week.
- engage in the rich and dynamic offerings in American literature.
- read and analyze such **works of fiction, short stories, drama, and poetry** that enriches the understanding of **American culture, history, and literature**.
- learn to appreciate the art of fiction and non-fiction.
- students learn the fundamentals of writing literary analysis.
- Note: 12th grade GK MT focuses on British and World texts

GK MT English 11 Assessment

- Homework / Classwork: in-class writing, reading checks, quizzes, presentations, Socratic seminars, projects, journals.
- Summative assessment: 2 Klausuren = 1/3 of overall grade (1 exam per semester -- 180 minute exams).
 - Klausuren may consist of:
 - Multiple essays about salient themes from the literary works
 - Assessment of exam with JFKS Department rubric: organization, ideas, and grammar
- Multi-source Literary Research Paper, MLA style

Some works you might read in GK MT Eng 11

- *The Old Man in the Sea*
- *The Scarlet Letter*
- *The Crucible*
- *Into the Wild*
- *Walden*
- *The Red Badge of Courage,*
- *The Adventures of Huck Finn*
- *The Great Gatsby*
- *The Awakening*
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
- *The Things They Carried*
- *Death of a Salesman*
- *Invisible Man*
- *Our Town*
- *Billy Budd*
- *Sula*
- *The Bluest Eye*
- *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- *The Joy Luck Club*

FAQs 11th Grade GK MT English

Why should I take GK English?

- The writing skills emphasis will prepare you for university
- You enjoy reading and discussing literature with different perspectives.

I'm a diploma student, why should I take this course instead of AP Literature?

- Because another AP course might be detrimental to your mental health
- You want another year to work on your skills before transitioning to an AP course

How is the curriculum different in 12th grade?

- 12th grade GK MT English focuses on British and World literature

What is the difference between Grundkurs and Leistungskurs?

- Both work on similar skills, but the pacing and depth is different

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How does this course help me prepare for Berlin's centralized Abitur?

- Berlin's English Abitur exam is a written exam; therefore, the writing done in this course helps develop the skills tested on the Abi. Additional exam preparation is provided in 12th grade in Abi Prep.
 - **What is the Written English Abitur format?**
 - 4 essays: summary, analysis, discussion, mediation in 255 minutes

How often will I have class?

- 5 hours a week. In 12th grade, students who are writing the English Abitur exam will have 2 additional hours of Abitur preparation.