

Grundkurs 11th and 12th Grade Partner Tongue English



Course Information

11th grade Theme: American Traditions in Literature
12th grade Theme: British and World Literature

GK PT English 11 -- About the course

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.

IN 12th grade students deep these skills but through the study of British and World texts.

GK PT 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 PT Eng 11 /12

11th

- *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*

12th

- *Hamlet*
- *Things Fall Apart*
- *The Importance of Being Earnest*
- *Persepolis*
- *The Kite Runner*
- *Purple Hibiscus*

FAQs 11th Grade GK PT 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.

How is the curriculum different in 12th grade?

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

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 writing the English Abitur will have 2 additional hours of Abitur preparation.