College English Band 3 (Fall 2019)

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Course Description

The course aims at laying a solid foundation of the English language and developing four English skills for effective communication. Therefore, students will conduct a series of theme-related reading, listening, speaking and writing activities through the study of texts and TED talks. Students will also improve the way they think and argue through debate lectures and practice specially designed for this semester.

Course Objectives

- 1. grasp the main idea, key language points and cultural background in Text A
- 2. improve vocabulary, listening skills and presentation skills through TED Talks
- 3. express one's thoughts and feelings clearly and convincingly to others through English debates

Course Requirements/Grading

20% Attendance and Participation
 10% Mid-term Exam (Spoken)
 70% Final Exam (Written)

Textbooks/Materials

1. Integrated Course: New College English, Book 3 (N)

2. Listening & Speaking Course: New Experiencing English-TED Talks, Book 2 (T)

3. Spoken English Test: movies and videos related to English Debate

Course Schedule

DATE DETAILS

Week 1

Monday 08/26 Introduction: English Course and English Debate

Thursday 08/29 Changes in the Way We Live (N-U1)

Week 2

Monday 09/02 Identity (T-U1)

Thursday 09/05 Debate Topics: Into the Wild (2007)

Week 3

Monday 09/09 Civil-Rights Heroes (N-U2)

Thursday 9/12 Debate Positions: The Great Debaters (2007)

Assignment: Every debate team decide a debate topic and

positions for each debater.

Week 4

Monday 09/16 Careers (T-U2) Thursday 09/19 Security (N-U3) Week 5

Monday 09/23 Debate Arguments/Counterarguments: 12 Angry Men (1957)

Thursday 09/26 Imagination and Creativity (N-U4)

Week 6

Monday 09/30 Growth and Development (T-U3)

Thursday 10/03 National Day--No Class

Week 7

Monday 10/07 National Day--No Class

Thursday 10/10 Debate Formats: "Cynicism is a way of spiritual liberation" video

Week 8

Monday 10/14 Success and Failure (T-U4)
Thursday 10/17 Giving Thanks (N-U5)

Week 9

Monday 10/21 Debate Skills: American Presidential Election Debate

Thursday 10/24 Presentation of Debate Introduction

Week 10

Monday 10/28 Mid-term Exam (1): English Debate
Thursday 10/31 Mid-term Exam (2): English Debate

Week 11

Monday 11/04 The Human Touch (N-U6)

Thursday 11/07 Surprise Ending: O. Henry's Full House (1952)

Week 12

Monday 11/11 Exercise (T-U5)

Thursday 11/14 Making a Living (N-U7)

Week 13

Monday 11/18 TV Movie: Door to Door (2002)

Thursday 11/21 Cloning (N-U8)

Week 14

Monday 11/25 Values (T-U6)

Thursday 11/28 Human Cloning: The 6th Day (2000)

Week 15

Monday 12/02 Test Yourself (N-U1-4)
Thursday 12/05 Test Yourself (N-U5-8)

Week 16

Monday 12/09 FLTRP Cup English Contests

Thursday 12/12 Q&A