

## **Effective Reader Skills**

ENGH 005 059

Credits: 0.5 units / 5 hours

### **Course Description**

This course helps students become more effective readers by emphasizing strategies that will help improve basic language and literacy skills. They study central themes, main ideas, major and minor details, inferences, fact, opinion, context clues and vocabulary.

### **Course Objectives**

When you have completed the materials in this course, you should be able to:

1. Read for comprehension and information effectively.
2. Apply the SQ3R technique when reading to study.
3. Make inferences about what you read.
4. Find main ideas in paragraphs.
5. Identify central themes, major details, and minor details in written works.
6. Improve your vocabulary by using context clues.
7. Distinguish between facts and opinions.
8. Form your own opinions and interpretations of written works.
9. Construct well written sentences, paragraphs, and essays.
10. Express your own ideas in writing.

### **Course Outline**

#### **Unit 1: Vocabulary and Dictionary Skill**

Lesson 1: The Reading Process

Lesson 2: "A Real Loss"

Lesson 3: Central Themes and Main Ideas

Lesson 4: Understanding Inferences

Lesson 5: Critical Thinking and Reading

Lesson 6: "To Catch a Thief"

#### **Unit 2: The SQ3R Method**

Lesson 7: Using SQ3R

Lesson 8: "Summer"

Lesson 9: "My Mother's Blue Bowl"

Lesson 10: "Divorcing Couples Seek Solace in Ring-Smashing Ceremonies"

Lesson 11: "The Magic Words are 'Will You Help Me?'"

Lesson 12: "Flour Children"

### **Unit 3: Central Theme, Main Ideas, and Major Details**

Lesson 13: The Main Idea

Lesson 14: "Genes and Behavior: A Twin Legacy"

Lesson 15: "Seoul Searching"

Lesson 16: "Should a Wife Keep her Name?"

Lesson 17: "Forty Acres and a Holiday"

Lesson 18: "Waging War on Wrinkles t"

### **Unit 4: Inferences, Facts, and Opinions**

Lesson 19: Reading Beyond the Lines

Lesson 20: "Death Penalty Victims"

Lesson 21: "Ugly and Lovable"

Lesson 22: "I Became Her Target"

Lesson 23: "She Made Her Dream Come True"

Lesson 24: "They Sniff Out Trouble"

### **Unit 5: Context Clues and Word Structure**

Lesson 25: Reading Strategies

Lesson 26: "How to Stay Alive"

Lesson 27: "A Personal Stress Survival Guide"

Lesson 28: "The Chaser"

Lesson 29: Context

Lesson 30: Root Words

Lesson 31: Prefixes

Lesson 32: Suffixes

### **Required Textbook**

(available through Follett virtual bookstore at <http://highschool.nebraska.bkstr.com>)

Textbook: *Structured Reading, 8<sup>th</sup> ed.* (ISBN: 9780205244652)