

11th Grade English Essential Questions

1. What is unique about the American spirit?
2. What is our cultural and historical legacy as Americans?
3. How do our fundamental beliefs impact our relationships?
4. What leads Americans to question authority?
5. What prompts nonconformity?
6. Why should we view texts critically?
7. Where do ideas for writing come from?
8. Why do writers use different modes of writing?
9. How does the writing process contribute to meaningful content?
10. How do effective writers use grammar?
11. What makes writing flow and easy to follow?
12. Why is grammar important?
13. How is meaning of text affected by writer's word choice?
14. How do varied sentence structures improve the fluency and effectiveness in composition?
15. How does learning vocabulary enhance communication?
16. How can research be used to create an effective argument?
17. How do our biases, beliefs, assumptions, and experiences infuse our thinking/writing?
18. How can writing be used as a tool for learning?
19. How do short stories, novels, and drama explore the multicultural and historical perspectives of our human experience?
20. How is the author's use of characterization essential to the theme of the story?
21. How do authors use literary devices to evoke responses from readers?
22. How does the author use literary elements to present the theme?
23. Why do we actively participate in and experience plays?
24. Why is the research process necessary?
25. How does learning vocabulary enhance communication?
26. How can research be used to create an effective argument?
27. What are the differences between written and oral persuasion?
28. Why is listening one of the key components of communication?
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30. How do short stories, novels, and drama explore the multicultural and Historical perspectives of our human experience?
31. Why do we read literature?
32. How does literature reflect life?
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34. How do authors use literary devices to evoke responses from readers?
35. How does the author use literary elements to present the theme?
36. How can research be used to create an effective argument?
37. Why are effective speaking skills crucial to any aspect of your life?
38. What are the differences between written and oral persuasion?
39. Why is listening one of the key components of communication?
40. Composition is an ongoing process of creation and revision that allows us to communicate ideas in an organized, purposeful manner.

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