Unit 1: The Literature of the Americas

Lesson 1: Course Introduction

Lesson 2: Aztec Creation Story

* Elements of a Creation Story/Creation Myth
* Read the “Aztec Creation Story”
* Grammar: Nouns
* What are archetypes?

Lesson 3: Emancipation

* Read “Letter from Birmingham Jail” by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
* Read the Gettysburg Address by President Abraham Lincoln
* Compare/Contrast these two documents
* Grammar: Pronouns

Lesson 4: At the Tourist Centre in Boston

* Tone
* How does diction affect tone?
* Read “At the Tourist Centre in Boston”
* Grammar: Verbs

Lesson 5: Day of the Butterfly

* Flashback
* Symbols
* Theme
* Read “Day of the Butterfly”
* Grammar: Adjectives

Lesson 6: No Dogs Bark

* Dialogue
* Imagery
* Sybmolism
* Read “No Dogs Bark”
* Read “Two Bodies”
* Metaphors
* Grammar: Adverbs

Lesson 7: Crossroads: A Sad Vaudeville

* Elements of Dramatic work
* Characterization
* Read “Crossroads: A Sad Vaudeville”
* Dadaism
* Existentialism
* Surrealism
* Grammar: Parts of Speech

Lesson 8: Unit Review

Lesson 9: Unit Test