

Crafton Hills College - Outcomes Assessment Report

Course: READ-078x2

Term: 2010 Spring

1. Learning Outcomes Statement

1. Students will be able to read and comprehend short passages written at an advanced level, and critically analyze it by distinguishing facts from opinions, the author's purpose and tone, and identifying inferences.
2. Students can demonstrate their ability to comprehend a longer passage (e.g. a 25 page chapter of a novel) by presenting the essential details in a written summary.

2. Means of Assessment (Measurement Method)

The students wrote a three paragraph essay which required reading chapters in a novel and responding to three specific questions.

3. Criteria for Success (Benchmark)

The performance goal is for the students to show evidence of an ability to critically analyze a portion of a novel by giving details and information about the passages and then reflecting on the reading to demonstrate comprehension.

4. Summary of Evidence

Many of the students had the ability to give details and information, however, some students had difficulty with longer passages.

5. Use of Results (Implications for Program Improvement & Planning)

By requiring students to respond to the novel more frequently by breaking the assignments down into smaller units they will be able to practice these skills throughout the semester. When they write the essay for the final they will have more experience with this type of assignment.