

## Course Title:

Portuguese Academic Literacy & Biliteracy Prep

## Course Overview

This course develops academic reading and writing skills in Portuguese aligned to Seal of Biliteracy expectations. Students engage in literary analysis, informational text synthesis, and formal essay writing.

## Units

### 1. Academic Language Foundations

Focus on thesis writing, formal register, and structured paragraphs

### 2. Close Reading & Text Types

Analyze argument, audience, and purpose in nonfiction texts

### 3. Literary Analysis I

Character, theme, and evidence-based responses

### 4. Argumentative Writing

Multi-paragraph essays with clear structure

### 5. Informational Text & Synthesis

Compare multiple sources and develop synthesis writing

### 6. Literary Analysis II

Advanced interpretation, tone, and historical context

### 7. Timed Writing & Performance

Practice under test-like conditions

### 8. Seal of Biliteracy Preparation

Full simulations and final assessment

## Weekly Instructional Routine

- Monday: Mini-lesson + modeling
- Tuesday: Guided practice
- Wednesday: Text analysis
- Thursday: Writing workshop
- Friday: Timed or graded task

## Core Skills Developed

- Interpretive reading
- Analytical and argumentative writing
- Academic vocabulary and formal language
- Text-based evidence and synthesis

## Assessment

- Ongoing writing tasks
- Timed essays
- Final simulated Seal of Biliteracy exam
  
- Literary excerpts (Brazilian & Portuguese authors)
- Informational article packets

- Academic writing workbook
- Sentence frame reference tools

- Advanced (near-native) high school students
- 165 days / 40-minute periods
- Focus on literary analysis, cultural literacy, and formal writing
- Designed to mirror a college freshman “Intro to Literature in Portuguese” course

University models emphasize exposure to canonical authors across periods + contemporary voices, so this list balances Portugal + Brazil + Lusophone Africa, plus manageable text length for HS pacing.

### Course Structure (165 Days)

#### Unit Breakdown (approx.):

- Unit 1: Foundations & Short Texts (20 days)
- Unit 2: Brazilian Realism & Identity (30 days)
- Unit 3: Portuguese Realism & Modernism (30 days)
- Unit 4: Contemporary Voices (30 days)
- Unit 5: Lusophone World (25 days)
- Unit 6: Capstone + Seal Prep (30 days)

### CORE BOOK LIST (PRIMARY TEXTS)

#### Unit 1 – Short Texts + Entry to Analysis (Accessible but sophisticated)

- *Comédias da Vida Privada* – Luis Fernando Verissimo
- Selected *crônicas* by Rubem Braga
- Selected poems by Fernando Pessoa

Why: Builds analytical skills quickly with short, culturally rich texts.

#### Unit 2 – Brazilian Canon (Identity, Irony, Society)

- *Memórias Póstumas de Brás Cubas* – Machado de Assis
- *A Hora da Estrela* – Clarice Lispector

These are standard university-level anchor texts

Focus: unreliable narrator, existentialism, social critique

#### Unit 3 – Portugal (Realism + Modern Identity)

- *O Primo Basílio* – Eça de Queirós
- Selected heteronyms from Fernando Pessoa (Fernando Pessoa also wrote under the names :
  - Alberto Caeiro
  - Álvaro de Campos
  - Ricardo Reis

#### Main heteronym collections (standard titles)

- *O Guardador de Rebanhos* – by Alberto Caeiro
- *Poemas de Álvaro de Campos* – by Álvaro de Campos
- *Odes de Ricardo Reis* – by Ricardo Reis

- Common “selected” or classroom editions
- For teaching anthologies like:
  - *Poemas de Fernando Pessoa*
  - *Fernando Pessoa: Obra Poética*
  - *Antologia de Heterônimos de Fernando Pessoa*

Focus: realism, satire, multiple identities, European vs. Brazilian contrasts

Unit 4 – Contemporary + Global Portuguese

- Ensaio sobre a Cegueira – José Saramago
- Torto Arado – Itamar Vieira Junior

Modern works are often recommended for advanced learners due to rich vocabulary and themes

Unit 5 – Lusophone World (Global Perspective)

- Mayombe – Pepetela
- Short stories by Mia Couto

Aligns with university courses emphasizing Africa + identity + colonial history

Unit 6 – Capstone + Exam Prep

- O Alquimista – Paulo Coelho
- Student choice novel (independent reading)

Easier stylistically but ideal for:

- theme synthesis
- oral presentation
- Seal of Biliteracy writing prep

OPTIONAL / SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTS

Use for differentiation or lit circles:

- Macunaíma
- Capitães da Areia
- Os Lusíadas (excerpts only)

SKILLS BUILT (Seal of Biliteracy aligned)

Reading

- Analyze tone, irony, symbolism
- Compare Lusophone cultures

Writing

- Literary analysis essays (in Portuguese)
- Argumentative writing (AP-style)

Speaking

- Presentations on themes & authors
- Debate: Brazil vs. Portugal perspectives

ASSESSMENTS

- 2–3 literary essays per unit
- Oral presentation each unit
- Final capstone:
  - Comparative essay (Brazil vs Portugal)
  - Oral defense (Seal-style speaking)

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ISBN	Title	Author	Price
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9788573023510	Comédias Para Se Ler na Escola	VERISSIMO, LUIS FERNANDO	\$ 18.70
9786556121406	50 Crônicas Escolhidas	BRAGA, RUBEM	\$ 16.82
9788571648425	Mensagem	PESSOA, FERNANDO	\$ 15.89
9788582850015	Memórias Postumas De Bras Cubas - (Cia Das Letras)	ASSIS, MACHADO DE	\$ 16.36
9786555320350	A Hora da Estrela - (Edição Comemorativa)	LISPECTOR, CLARICE	\$ 10.51
9786559102259	O Primo Basílio	QUEIROS, ECA DE	\$ 16.36
9788531906893	Poemas - Fernando Pessoa	CAEIRO, ALBERTO	\$ 10.00
9788531906886	Odes	REIS, RICARDO	\$ 10.00
9788535930313	Ensaio Sobre a Cegueira - 02Ed/20	SARAMAGO, JOSE	\$ 21.74
9786580309313	Torto Arado	VIEIRA JUNIOR, ITAMAR	\$ 21.04
9788580446876	Mayombe	PEPETELA	\$ 14.04
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9788584390670	Alquimista, O	COELHO, PAULO	\$ 16.36
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