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FADE IN:

*ON STUDENT holding book, another with Kindle or iPad, reading intently in different locations and times ...*

*MOVING CG: Procession of representative titles*

*CLOSE UP on iPad screen. Insert CG:*

*ENGLISH II*

*GRAPHIC: Alief ISD Logo*

*GRAPHIC: Texas Virtual School Network Logo*

*PROVIDER-SUPPLIED IMAGES*

*SHOW STUDENT READING*

*SUPERIMPOSE page of text, moving vertically through frame as if we're reading down the page*

*SHOW CONNEXUS home screen*

*(music -- establish and fade under ... )*

**NARRATOR:** If you love to read ... if you hunger for the ideas and feelings that literature can stir in us...

and if you'd like to learn how great writers have influenced our lives, we have the class for you --

*English Two*, developed by the Alief Independent School District, and available state-wide through the Texas Virtual School Network.

Located in Southwest Houston, Alief ISD is one largest school systems in Texas ... with over 45-thousand students ... on 41 campuses.

In English Two, we study selections from the works of well-known American and British authors, as well as significant works from other cultures.

Our goal is to help you achieve an understanding of fiction and non-fiction in various forms, including novels, short stories and essays, from both a literary and historical perspective.

It's a fascinating journey ... and it begins right here.

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*STUDENT AT COMPUTER*

*CG: The Connexus system provides access to all course materials, assignments and resources.*

*VISUAL WALK THROUGH - Show screens as indicated*

*EXCERPT of walk-through video with sound*

*SLIDE in screen shot of QG*

*HIGHLIGHT panel indicated*

*SHOW ACTION and result*

*SHOW SCREEN*

*CLOSE-UP ON BUTTONS*

*Highlight in succession*

*FOCUS ON COURSE 'TREE'*

*SHOW ACTION and result*

*HIGHLIGHT*

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Like every Alief ISD online course, English Two is powered by Connexus, a web-based learning management system.

When you log in to the student summary page ...

You'll find a video walk-through that shows you how the system works.

There's also a handy Quick-Guide you can print out.

Up here are your online courses. Click on a course -- in this case, English Two -- and a new window opens. Inside the window is a frame containing the course content, starting with the Course Summary -- a basic overview of what the course is about plus tips on how to take the course to get the most out of it.

The buttons below the frame are links to various functions, including the Virtual Library ... your online Resources ... and the discussion board.

Course content is organized into major topics, called units, and lessons within each unit.

Click on a unit heading, and you'll see a summary of the unit's objectives and content.

Below the unit heading are the individual lessons.

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Click on a lesson. This brings up the lesson content in the frame. Note that there are several pages of content, usually with a short quiz at the end.

Embedded in the content pages are links to additional information -- a streaming video or a selection from an online textbook, for example.

The lesson may also include "teachlets." These are short, recorded tutorials that help guide you through a particular subject.

You'll also enjoy live lessons with your teacher. In these sessions, your instructor broadcasts a lesson to you and your classmates in real time through the Connexus System.

*SHOW EXAMPLE of workshop instructions*

In the Writing Workshops, you'll learn by doing -- by progressively developing your own works of fiction or non-fiction, with ongoing feedback posted in the grade book from your teacher.

*SHOW DISCUSSION BOARD*

In addition to reading and writing, many of your assignments will involve online discussions with your classmates.

Your teacher will introduce a topic on the discussion board, then you and your classmates will each post a

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*SHOT OF TEACHER at computer*

*SHOW SCREEN of TxVSN catalog, with pull-down menus, etc.*

*SHOW STUDENT meeting with counselor (Eyecon stock)*

*GRAPHIC: ALIEF ISD LOGO*

*GRAPHIC: TxVSN logo*

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response to your teacher's point, then respond to the responses posted by any two of your peers. The result is a very lively online discussion.

Even though this is an online course, you'll enjoy a constant flow of communication with your teacher.

Some will be through the feedback posted to your Gradebook, after you complete a test. Or in the notes included with your score on a portfolio assessment.

You'll communicate through the webmail system, as well as through good old-fashioned phone calls.

As a result, you'll enjoy a high degree of personal, individual instruction that will help you achieve a richer understanding of the great works we cover in English Two, and their authors.

This has been a short introduction to just one of our online, interactive courses. For more details, please consult the Texas Virtual School Network catalog, then set up a time to talk with your academic counselor.

*(music up and out)*