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NMH SUMMER SESSION

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
Advanced Level

This course was designed to help students develop their speaking and listening skills, expand their vocabulary base, improve their reading and writing, reflect on ethical issues, and explore surrounding towns and sites. Increased ability in each of these areas was achieved through oral presentations, reading, writing, research, trips, discussions, and games.

There was an emphasis on learning in the classroom and in the outside world. In the classroom, for example, grammar was addressed through process writing. The students' writing received symbols indicating errors to correct on the computer, while the students received one-on-one assistance from the teachers.

Learning outside the classroom was achieved by informational trips to the local towns of Shelburne Falls and Brattleboro, to Tregellys Fiber Farm, and to historical and cultural places of interest during an all-day immersion in Boston.

The main text was *The Book of Virtues*, edited by William J. Bennett, which was supplemented by a variety of other readings that included poems, psychology theory, and excerpts from Buddhism.

The class met for three hours, six days a week, for the five-week session.

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