



Course Syllabus: 9th Literature & Composition

Course Description

A college prep class which integrates composition, grammar and literature. It covers the writing process: The development of vocabulary, speaking, listening and researching skills will also be included.

This course has three sections. 9th Literature & Composition A is the first half of the course and includes Modules 0 – 5. 9th Literature & Composition B is the second half of the course and includes Modules 6 – 10. 9th Literature and Composition Y is the entire course and includes Modules 0 – 10.

Cobb Virtual Academy's 9th Literature & Composition course utilizes a genre approach. This course includes the following, genre-based, modules:

Module 0 – Introductory Assignments

Module 1 – Short Stories (and Plot Structure)

Module 2 – More Short Stories (and Point of View...and Irony)

Module 3 – Even More Short Stories (and Theme)

Module 4 – Poetry (and Descriptive Paragraphs)

Module 5 – Reading, Writing, and Analyzing...Poetry!

Module 6 – Romeo and Juliet (and Writing Conclusions) – Act I

Module 7 – Romeo and Juliet (and Definition Paragraphs) – Acts II & III

Module 8 – Romeo and Juliet (Soundtracks, Soliloquies, and Epitaphs) – Acts IV & V

Module 9 – Nonfiction? No problem!

Module 10 – Heroes? Hooray!

Textbook/Parallel Readings

There is no required textbook (or parallel reading) for this course. All course content is digital and available in the course modules.

Course Participation Policy

Students should follow the Course Schedule (located in Course Information area of course) and all course work must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on the due date.

After the due date has passed, instructors will enter zeros in the Grade Center for work not submitted by the deadline. During student breaks and towards the end of the semester, students may have the opportunity to improve their course grade by completing and submitting work with grades of zero from earlier in the semester. Zeros will remain in the Grade Center until course work is submitted and evaluated by the instructor. The CVA term ends prior to the end of the traditional school semester.

The final date work will be accepted each term is posted on the CVA website (cobbvirtualacademy.org).

Grading

Grades for the course are calculated based on category percentages as follows:

Assignments	= 35%
Discussion Boards	= 15%
Quizzes	= 10%
Projects/Tests	= 20%
Final Exam/EOC	= 20%

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the cornerstone of learning at CVA and we take the integrity and authenticity of student work very seriously. When academic integrity is maintained, students will make decisions based on values that will prepare them to be productive, meaningful, and ethical citizens.

Students are required to abide by the CVA Academic Integrity Policy. Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. The CVA Academic Integrity Policy outlines the consequences if students fail to maintain academic integrity in their course. For additional information, the CVA Academic Integrity Policy is posted on the CVA website.

Additional General Information

- Students must complete the mandatory online CVA Student Orientation each term before any course work will be graded by the instructor. Only one Student Orientation is completed each term.
- All course work must be submitted through Blackboard in the format requested. Students should have access to Microsoft Office and submit assignments in that format. All CCSD students have access to the Office 365 Suite. Assignments submitted through email will not be accepted.
- The 'Grade before Final Exam/EOC' column in the student Grade Center shows the current grade for the course and is automatically calculated.
- Students in the A section of the course must take an online final exam during the times indicated on the CVA website.
- Students in the B or Y sections of the course will take the state-mandated End-of-Course (EOC) test. The EOC must be given in a CCSD facility and proctored by CCSD staff during testing periods established by the state. EOC testing date and time information is posted on the CVA website.