

## Honors 9<sup>th</sup> grade Literature & Composition

## College Prep (on-level) 9th Grade Literature & Composition

- Academically Rigorous (+.5 on GPA)
- Foundation for AP English courses

- Required Summer Reading

- Genre based (novel, poetry, short story, drama, epic poem) units
- Designed for independent reader
- In-class literary analysis and annotation
- Parallel reading required outside of class

- Analysis and Argument essays; In-class writings
- Research skill application
  - Researched Essay
  - Formal MLA research paper + works cited

### Sample Texts

- Edith Hamilton's *Mythology* (excerpts)
- *The Odyssey*
- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *Great Expectations*
- *Frankenstein*
- Agatha Christie Mystery Choice

- Academically Challenging
- Preparation for future College Prep courses

- NO Required Summer Reading

- Theme or genre based literary units
- Designed to provide more support & scaffolding
- Class time provided for reading and assignments
- Some outside reading required

- Analysis and Argument essays
- Research skill development
  - Annotated bibliography
  - MLA format, intro to databases, citations

### Sample Texts

- *Unbroken*
- *Big Fish*
- *The Odyssey*
- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *Long Way Down*

## Honors British Literature & Composition

- Academically Rigorous (+.5 on GPA)
- Foundation for AP English courses
- Required Summer Reading
- Chronological study of British Literature
- Designed for independent reader
- In-class literary analysis and annotation
- Parallel reading required outside of class
- Analysis and Argument essays; In-class writings
- Research skill application
  - Annotated bibliography
  - Formal MLA research paper + works cited

### Sample Texts

- *Gilgamesh*
- *Beowulf*
- Excerpts from *Canterbury Tales*, King Arthur stories, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*
- *Dante's Inferno*
- *Hamlet* and *Macbeth* (one as a film study)
- Gothic literature (including choice novel)
- *Things Fall Apart*
- *Lord of the Flies*

## College Prep (on-level) 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature & Composition

- Academically Challenging
- Preparation for future College Prep courses
- NO Required Summer Reading
- Theme or genre based literary units
- Designed to provide more support & scaffolding
- Class time provided for reading and assignments
- Some outside reading required
- Analysis essay; Synthesis essay; Memoir
- Research skill development
  - Annotated bibliography
  - MLA format, intro to databases, citations

### Sample Texts

- *Beowulf* and other hero's journey stories
- King Arthur stories
- *Hamlet*
- Gothic Literature (including choice novel)
- *V for Vendetta* (graphic novel)
- *Lord of the Flies*
- *A Long Way Gone: Memoir of a Child Soldier*

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade **On-Level** American Literature and Composition

### Description

- Academically challenging
- Preparation for college
- Preparation for EOC

### Pre-requisite

- 10<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp
- No summer reading

### Class Structure

- Chronological study of American Literature with added film-study
- Provides reading support
- Class time provided for reading and assignments
- Some outside reading required

### Writing Requirements

- Analysis TIDIDE paragraphs
- Research skill development
  - MLA format
  - Intro to databases
  - Proper citation
- Analysis Essay

### Sample Texts

- *The Crucible*
- *Being Henry David*
- *The Great Gatsby*
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
- Choice Memoir

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade **Honors** American Literature and Composition

### Description

- Academically rigorous (+.5 on GPA)
- Preparation for EOC and AP Lit/Comp

### Pre-requisite

- 10<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp or H 10<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp
- Teacher recommendation
- Self-reader/motivated
- Required summer reading

### Class Structure

- Chronological survey of American Literature with added film-study
- Less reading support than on-level
- Required to know historically significant author names and what they wrote
- In-class analysis and annotation
- Outside re-reading/study required
- Recommended flashcards/quizlet work

### Writing Requirements

- MLA knowledge required
- Multiple timed paragraphs (6+)
- Analysis Research Essay (1)
- Narrative writings (2)

### Sample Texts

- *The Crucible*
- The US Constitution
- *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail*
- *Runs with Horses*
- *Ten Days in a Mad-house*
- *The Great Gatsby*
- *The Catcher in the Rye*
- *A Raisin in the Sun*

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade **AP Lang**: American Non-Fiction and Composition

### Description

- Academically rigorous (+1 on GPA)
- Preparation for EOC and AP Exam
- College credit dependent on individual schools and scores

### Pre-requisite

- Honors 10<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp
- Teacher recommendation
- Self-reader/motivated
- Required summer reading

### Class Structure

- Intense, college-level reading and writing assignments
- In-depth analysis/insight/annotation required while reading
- Outside reading required (significantly more than the other courses)
- Practice on multiple choice AP pre-tests

### Writing Requirements

- MLA knowledge required
- Multiple essays each semester
- Multiple timed essays on AP prompts
- Research project

### Sample Texts (AP provides intense/deeper reflection on the following)

- *Death of a Salesman*
- *A Raisin in the Sun*
- *The Great Gatsby*
- *The Things They Carried*
- *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*

## 12<sup>th</sup> Literature: **On-Level** Dramatic Writing

### Description

- Academically challenging
- Preparation for college/career in film
- 1 English and 1 Fine Arts credit

### Pre-requisite

- 11<sup>th</sup> Lit
- No summer reading

### Class Structure

- Theme- or genre-based units

### Writing Requirements

- Narrative writings
- Analytical Writings
- Poetic Writing
- Dramatic Writing for stage and screen
- Constantly writing!

### Sample Texts

- Memoir of Choice
- *Selected poems, plays, screenplays and essays: Dillard, Lamotte, Metzger, Stafford, Didion, McKee, and others*
- Choice fiction text for analysis
- Visual Texts for analysis- a wide variety of film and stage excerpts

## 12<sup>th</sup> Literature: **On-Level** Advanced Composition

### Description

- Academically challenging
- Preparation for college & life
- Project Based

### Pre-requisite

- 11<sup>th</sup> Lit
- No summer reading

### Class Structure

- Theme- or genre-based units
- Projects (group or individual)
- Multimodal expressions

### Writing Requirements

- MLA knowledge required
- Multimodal argument
- Analysis Research – technical writing: podcast, docushort or zine articles
- Script writing
- Creative writing pieces
- Visual text arguments
- Lengthy narrative writings

### Sample Texts

- Autobiography of choice
- Articles – many articles
- Podcasts
- Visual texts
- *Oedipus-* drama
- *Into the Wild*
- 5/6 Southern/regional short stories & articles

## 12<sup>th</sup> Literature: **Honors** Advanced Composition

### Description

- Academically rigorous (+.5)
- Preparation for college

### Pre-requisite

- Honors 11<sup>th</sup> Lit
- Teacher recommendation
- Self-reader/motivated
- Required summer reading

### Class Structure

- Theme- or genre-based units
- Analysis/insight/annotation required while reading
- Outside reading and study required

### Writing Requirements

- MLA knowledge required
- Narrative essay
- Narrative poem
- Photo essay
- Literary analysis
- Research project
- Multiple charts/paragraphs

### Sample Texts

- *The Road*
- Poetry Selections
- Short Story Selections
- Screenplay Selection
- Informational Article Selections

## 12<sup>th</sup> Literature: **AP Literature**

### Description

- Academically rigorous (+1)
- College credit dependent on individual schools and scores

### Pre-requisite

- Honors or AP 11<sup>th</sup> Lit
- Teacher recommendation
- Self-reader/motivated
- Required summer reading

### Class Structure

- Intense, college-level reading and writing assignments
- In-depth analysis/insight/annotation required while reading
- Outside reading required (more than other classes)

### Writing Requirements

- Multiple timed essays on AP prompts
- Narrative essay
- Research project/MLA

### Sample Texts

- *Circe*
- *Slaughter-house Five*
- *The Road*
- *Crime and Punishment*
- *The Handmaid's Tale*
- *As I Lay Dying*
- *Heart of Darkness*