

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and Composition

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**School Year:** 2022-23

**Class Location:** B104

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### **I. Welcome**

You have made it to the first English class of your high school career and your days of using the English language will never end. Over the course of your life, you may go to college, technical school, the armed forces, or the work force. All of these choices require a knowledge that any learning can enhance. I hope you enjoy this year's literature experience!

### **II. Course Overview**

We are going to think analytically about what we read. When the semester is over, I hope your mind will be more richly furnished than when you began. Vocabulary expansion is empowering and we will be targeting, analyzing, and interpreting new words as we encounter them. We will study and apply grammar within the context of language. We will engage in collaborative discussions, present findings, evaluate claims, and incorporate multimedia components. 9th grade literature is the genre that will be used to accomplish these goals.

### **III. Course Objectives**

Students will be introduced to 9<sup>th</sup> grade literature and composition and analyze its place in our English language history. Students will be provided learning opportunities that will enhance their writing skills. Full text citations will be necessary on all required materials. Students are expected to be careful researchers where well-thought-out material is to be presented in standard format with preliminary proofreading completed.

### **IV. Grading Policy**

Classwork/Daily- 20%

Quizzes- 30%

Tests/Projects-50%

(EOC/Final Exam- 20% of semester average)

### **V. Supplies**

Notebook Paper (No spiral), Notebook, Writing Pen or Pencil, Highlighters

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_