English 9 Honors
Course Syllabus  2018-2019 Academic Year
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Overview of Course
English 9 Honors is a fast-paced, intensive study of language and literature designed for the student who wishes to be challenged academically and to be prepared for future AP courses and for college. Instruction incorporates both the study of literature and the study of language arts in a literature-based curriculum. This survey of literature will be used to address Common Core State Standards for language arts. Students taking English 9 Honors can expect regular homework assignments. Project work may require an additional time commitment.

Specific Units
Suggested Summer/Start of Year Reading: Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury
Short Stories
Novel: Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Poetry
Mythology and The Epic: The Odyssey by Homer
Non-Fiction and Informational Text
Shakespearean Drama:
    Romeo and Juliet
    The Taming of the Shrew
Novel: The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
Novel: And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Novel: The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Additional Units/Readings may be added at the teacher’s discretion.

Year-Long Activities
Vocabulary/Roots
Greek and Latin roots, as well as vocabulary, are assigned and quizzed on a regular basis. Mastery of these roots will aid students in all classes, not just English. Introduced vocabulary will highlight the SAT vocabulary list and the current unit of study.

Writing
Various writing assignments and projects will be assigned to complement the units of study. These will cover writing for different audiences and purposes, and will address ninth grade content standards.

Grammar/Usage
Grammar work is incorporated throughout the year. Students are expected to be competent in the application of basic grammatical concepts. Lessons will address the needs of the students as they become apparent, as well as meeting ninth grade standards.