

ERHS 9th Grade English

3 Trimesters/3 Credits



English 9 & Honors English 9

The 9th grade English course focuses on the study of **reading** and **literature**, **writing** and **language**, **speaking**, **listening**, and **viewing**. **Ongoing development of formal academic writing** is the main writing component for this course. Each student also completes frequent on-demand writing and prepared writing. Literary concepts are taught through the study of short stories, plays, and novels. Speaking and listening skills are practiced throughout the year.

Honors English 9

- is designed to promote success toward taking higher-level courses in English
- is an accelerated approach to the standard English curriculum with additional material covered in literature, writing, and grammar
- is designed for students of higher ability and/or a willingness to accept a greater challenge.

Academic Characteristics for Students in Honors English 9:

- **Shows a high degree of interest and motivation in English**
- **Works well both independently and collaboratively**

Characteristics Continued . . .

- **Responds positively to challenging situations and has excellent problem solving skills**
- **Is self motivated**
- **Is willing to be challenged**

Characteristics Continued . . .

- **Has experienced high achievement in past courses without undue stress**
- **Likes to analyze, is creative, and is able to utilize higher order thinking skills**

Characteristics Continued . . .

- **Shows above-average ability in written and oral expression**
- **Is timely with assignments**
- **Is willing to work at a faster pace and go more in depth.**

A Glance at the Curriculum: Trimester One

Honors English 9

- Summer Reading Assignment
- Study of Short Stories
- Narrative Writing
- Novel Study
- Formal writing
- Independent choice reading
- Grammar
- Culminating Assessment

English 9

- Study of Short Stories
- Narrative Writing
- Novel Study: *Tears of a Tiger*
- Formal writing
- Independent choice reading
- Grammar
- Culminating Assessment

A Glance at the Curriculum: Trimester Two

Honors English 9

- *The Odyssey*
- Historical biography study
- Study of William Shakespeare:
Romeo & Juliet
- Impromptu Speech
- Formal writing
- Independent choice reading
- Grammar
- Culminating Assessment

English 9

- *The Odyssey*
- Study of William Shakespeare:
Romeo & Juliet
- Study of Informational Texts
- Impromptu Speech
- Formal writing
- Independent choice reading
- Culminating Assessment

Your Decision

- ✦ In both courses you will master the curriculum aligned with the State Standards for English/Language Arts.
- ✦ In both courses you will be academically challenged - independently and collectively.
- ✦ In both courses you will be exposed to many facets of English Language Arts.

Your Decision Continued

- ✦ In Honors English 9 you will master the same curriculum set forth by the standards, but the delivery is at a faster pace and tailored for the high-achieving student.
- ✦ In Honors English 9 you will delve deeper into the standards and cover additional topics.
- ✦ In Honors English 9 you will push yourself to be an independent thinker and learner.