

Course Name: Honors Sophomore English

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th (check all that apply)

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

We recommend that you've taken Honors English 9 to help you build the foundational skills necessary for this class. Additionally, this class will move at a quicker pace than Sophomore English, so daily attendance is critical.

WHAT this course is about:

This is an English survey course that explores a variety of literary genres while helping build and strengthen your critical reading and writing skills. It is primarily designed to prepare you to take AP English Language and Composition during your junior year and AP English Literature and Composition during your senior year.

WHY take this course:

If you're planning on taking any AP English classes OR running start English courses, this is the class you need. In addition, this class is a great option if traditional English classes aren't demanding enough for you. It can also act as a gauge to determine if you're ready to handle the pace and workload of AP classes during your junior and senior years.

WHAT you'll learn:

- Vocabulary Stems
- Grammar Application in Writing
- Allusions
- Additional Critical Reading Strategies
- Argumentative and Analytical Writing Strategies
- Peer-Editing/Self-Editing Strategies
- Why some pieces of literature are considered classics across the world

WHAT you'll do:

- Read a variety of texts including novels, short stories, plays, and poetry
- Annotate texts for specific literary elements and to document your thinking around a text
- Write analysis essays on a variety of texts
- Create artistic analyses of texts
- Read novels of your choosing
- Expand your vocabulary knowledge
- Incorporate various grammar structures and elements in your writing

- Work with your peers to enhance your understanding of a text
- Strengthen your organizational and time-management skills

WHERE this could take you:

This course will directly prepare you to take AP English Language and Composition as a junior, but it will also help you in any other AP class that requires you to use your critical reading and writing skills.

OPTIONAL Course Outline (“scope and sequence”, sequence chart, etc.)

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