

Course Name: Honors English

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

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

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

Summer Assignment

WHAT this course is about:

This course is designed to align students from our feeder middle schools in preparation for AP English. It focuses on literature primarily, and like many English courses you will engage with short stories, poetry, novels, and typically a Shakespearean play. Throughout the year you will continue to develop your understanding of elements of fiction, as well as author's purpose. Additionally, you will study Greek and Latin roots and will be exposed to a thorough grammar program to help build your understanding of your writing style and the syntactical choices of the author's works you will analyze and interpret. Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their learning of course content through a variety of choice assignments.

WHY take this course:

Anecdotally, we continue to hear from our alumni of the successes they are having in post-secondary English classes. This course is the beginning of that preparation that is built upon throughout your four years at Lewis and Clark High School. Additionally, you will hone your skills as a reader and writer—skills you will use throughout the rest of your life. If you love literature and love English and/or desire to improve your academic propensity, seriously consider signing up for 9th Honors English.

WHAT you'll learn:

- How to actively engage with the written word
- How to effectively communicate through writing
- How to better understand author's choices in the written word
- How to be a better reader
- How to better understand the foundations of our language

WHAT you'll do:

- Read engaging literature
- Improve your vocabulary and understanding of the English language
- Participate in group discussions and assignments
- Write for multiple purposes

WHERE this could take you:

This course prepares you for 10th Honors English and sets you up for success in our AP English classes offered junior and senior year.

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

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