



Ephrata High School
Course Syllabus
Language and Literature 9
1010



I. Course Description

Language and Literature 9 is a course designed for average-ability ninth graders that emphasizes the interrelationship of the language arts skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening and provides ample practice in each area. The two main thrusts of the course are the effective use of language in writing and speaking and the study of literature. Language and literature study is supported by instruction in research, vocabulary, grammar and usage, and mechanics. The importance of independent reading is emphasized constantly. Students will document their reading and complete selected reading projects outside of class.

II. Materials & Equipment

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

Adventures in Literature

Excerpts from various world cultures literary selections

Personal reading books from home or the media center

Vocabulary Workshop Level C vocabulary program

III. Course Goals & Objectives

Students will:

- make connections between writing, literature, grammar, and vocabulary study throughout the year.
- recognize cross-curricular connections between language arts and world cultures and other content areas.
- research and read about another country's culture in conjunction with World Cultures classes. Students will write a multi-paragraph research paper.
- practice public speaking techniques.
- review and refine their writing skills in single and multi-paragraph essays.
- gain an understanding of the life and times of William Shakespeare.
- identify and apply the elements of dramatic tragedy when reading Romeo and Juliet.
- recognize and apply the elements of poetry.
- recognize and apply the elements found in short stories
- recognize and apply the elements of a novel when reading To Kill a Mockingbird.
- read at least one personal reading book every marking period. Students will document their reading and complete selected projects outside of class.

IV. Course Topics (Summary Outline)

- Writing skills with an emphasis on the writing process, organizational structure, and enhanced style.
- Narrative, informative and persuasive (mostly literary) writing assignments
- Research skills tied to the World Cultures paper—note-taking, parenthetical documentation, outlining, rough drafting, and editing.
- Various World Cultures literary tie-ins
- Short stories
- Poetry
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- Romeo and Juliet

V. Assignments & Grading

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ English pre-assessment○ Marking period book assignments○ Unit tests and quizzes○ Vocabulary tests and quizzes○ Paragraphs and compositions○ Collaborative learning experiences
○ Oral Presentations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Homework○ Class work○ Notebook checks○ Final Exam |
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