

English 9

English 9 Honors

Core Literature:

Short Stories
Greek Mythology
Selected Poems
Breaking Through
The Odyssey
To Kill a Mockingbird
Romeo and Juliet
Oedipus or Antigone

Some Read:

Night
Hiroshima
A Raisin in the Sun

Outside Reading:

2 - 3 Books/Semester

Grammar:

Language Network (text)
(primarily class instruction)

Vocabulary:

Vocabulary Workbook

Writing Assignments:

Journal Entries
Creative Writing (poems, short story)
One Research Paper/Project
2 - 4 Written/1 - 2 Oral Book Reports
4 - 5 Expository Essays
Business Letter
Service Learning Project

Core Literature:

Short Stories, Tales & Legends
Greek & Norse Mythology
Selected Poems
Breaking Through
The Chosen
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
The Odyssey
Oedipus the King
The Bean Trees
Farewell to Manzanar
To Kill a Mockingbird
A Raisin in the Sun OR *The Hate U Give*
Romeo and Juliet
The Miracle Worker

Outside Reading:

5 Books/Semester
(1500 pages/semester for an "A")
* two of the above count as outside reading

Grammar:

Language Network (text)
Sentence Patterns (basic and complex)
(primarily self-instruction)

Vocabulary:

Vocabulary from Core Literature
Greek & Latin Roots
High Frequency SAT Words (about 200)

Writing Assignments:

Journal Entries
Creative Writing (poems, myths, stories)
Two Research Papers/Projects
8 Written/2 Oral Reading Logs
8 - 10 Expository Essays
Business Letter
Service Learning Project
Final Showcase Portfolio

* *English 9 Requirements may vary somewhat from one teacher to the next.*

How do I know if I should take English 9 Honors?

(Questions the English 9H Teachers think you should consider)

Are you a strong English student overall?

- Have you earned A's in your 7th and 8th grade English classes?
- Is English a subject you enjoy?
- Would you like to challenge yourself more in your reading and writing?

Are you a strong reader?

- Do you always do your assigned class reading?
- Do you read fairly quickly?
- Do you have good reading comprehension?
- Do you like reading for pleasure?

Are you a strong writer?

- Do you get A's on most of your essays?
- Do you understand how to write topic sentences?
- Do you have an extensive vocabulary?
- Do you know how to structure a paragraph and an essay?
- Do you have a good understanding of grammar and sentence structure?

Are you a critical thinker and articulate speaker?

- Do you like to share your ideas in class discussions?
- Do you enjoy analyzing a book for deeper meanings?
- Do you like to challenge yourself to think about things in a new way?

Are you well-organized?

- Do you keep track of your assignments in a planner?
- Do you turn in your work on time?
- Do you pace yourself effectively for long-term projects?
- Can you balance a heavy course load with your outside activities?

Do you go the extra mile because you like learning and doing your best?

- Are you a leader when it comes to group work?
- Do you take advantage of essay rewrite opportunities?
- Do you put full effort into your homework?
- Do you jump at the opportunity to do extra credit work?
- Would you rather get a "B" in an honors class than an "A" in a regular class?