



Folsom High School

Class: 9th Grade (Freshman) Honors English 1

Description of Class: An in-depth study of argumentative writing and literary analysis with an emphasis on critical thinking in order to prepare students for the rigor of Honors English 2, AP Language, and AP Literature

Hours of Homework/Studying Per Week: Varies depending on study skills. Typically, homework is based on readings or activities that weren't finished in class.

Prerequisites: Grade of A or B in previous English course.

Summer Assignments: Read Edith Hamilton's "Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes"

Frequency & Style of Assessments:

Varies by teacher—Unit Exams (each text), 10 Vocabulary Tests (every 2 weeks), Socratic seminar, and writing tasks that evaluate for literary analysis and argument skills.

Amount & Frequency of Written Work:

Varies by teacher—typically one essay, either process or in-class, for each unit of study (3-4 per year).

Number of Oral Presentations:

Varies by teacher—expected with most projects.

Amount of Reading Required:

Three to four novels per semester.

Large Projects:

Signpost Project, Multi-Modal Project, Research Project, and Director's Notebooks.