

10th Grade Curriculum and Expectations

Sophomore Teachers:

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Options:

- English 10 World Literature

(UC and NCAA approved)

English 10 is a college preparatory class that employs the Common Core State Standards to build on the foundation established in ninth grade. The class will emphasize the integration of literature and expository texts, critical thinking and analytical skills, speaking and listening skills. Writing genres include the informal, literary response, and argumentative. This course focuses on the significance of various cultural perspectives as presented in each text. The course content is designed to extend study skills, enhance organizational skills, develop vocabulary, as well as increase the understanding and recognition of literary devices and literary terminology.

- English 10 Honors World Literature (no extra point added GPA)

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(It is recommended students earned an 'A' BOTH semesters of 9th grade English)

English 10 Honors is an intensive course that employs Common Core State Standards and builds on the foundation of English 9 Honors. The class will further develop and continue to foster close reading strategies. By analyzing elements found in literary texts, students learn to express and support their responses targeting research skills. Writing skills will be reinforced through annotation, analysis and MLA documentation. Analysis, evaluation and synthesis are the critical thinking skills used to engage students when it comes to writing in a variety of forms including expository, argumentative, literary analysis and narrative for different audiences and purposes. The use of language conventions and mechanics of written English, including the rules of grammar and usage, encourages clear and effective communication. Honors students listen attentively, analyze complex texts, evaluate oral presentations and contribute to class discussions. They also demonstrate an ability to learn independently and to apply academic knowledge to real life situations. Students need to be strong readers and proficient writers who do not need remediation.

10th grade novels: Bless Me Ultima, Greek Myths, Julius Caesar, *Night (core), The Odyssey, *Old Man and the Sea (core), A Separate Peace, Things Fall Apart