RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Humanities Subject Brief

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The Humanities department combines English and Social Studies to develop students' close reading, analytical research, and written communication skills through the examination of diverse literature and historical sources. By exploring global issues, cultural movements, and civic engagement, the curriculum encourages students to critically analyze personal identity, community connections, and the historical forces shaping the modern world.

9th Grade

- **English 9: Freshman English Experience**
  How do stories empower us to understand our personal identity, navigate the complexities of growing up, and examine our place within community and culture?
- **Global Issues & Human Geography**
  How do geographic, cultural, and human rights factors shape our interconnected world, and what is our responsibility as informed global citizens to respond to modern challenges?

10th Grade

- **English 10**
  How does literature reflect, challenge, and transform our understanding of morality, gender, and community across different historical and cultural contexts?
- **United States History & Civics**
  How do historical conflicts and cultural revolutions shape modern American democracy, and what is the role of individual citizens in driving societal change?

11th/12th Grade International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

- **IB Language & Literature**
- **IB Global Politics**

Riverdale Electives: Current & Historic

- **Writing 121 - PSU Challenge Course**
- **The Global City - PSU Challenge Course**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Film Studies**
- **Mock Trial**
- **Model United Nations**
- **War and Literature**
- **And many more…**

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