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Grade 9

English 9

The ninth grade curriculum introduces the student to a seminar approach to the study and appreciation of literature and writing. Techniques of shared inquiry stress individual participation and involvement. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking skills and leadership development. Basic skills of grammar and composition continue to be reinforced. Vocabulary study is rigorous.

GRADING POLICY

Quizzes may or may not be announced on reading assignments.
Tests are announced a week in advance and given on testing day.

Notes and/or books are sometimes allowed, announced in advance (to encourage comprehensive notetaking).

All quizzes total one test grade.

All tests and essays equal 100 points.

Participation/Citizenship: equal to 100 test points...5 points subtracted for ANY absence, lateness, or infraction/disruption to learning

Journals (10 entries each quarter) equal 100 points.

BOOK LIST

Designs in Fiction	(compiled by) Elizabeth Scheld
Julius Caesar	William Shakespeare
Lord of the Flies	William Golding
Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck
Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare
Ten Top Stories	(edited by) David A. Sohn
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee

Twelve Angry Men Reginald Rose (from play by Sherman L. Sergel)

Vocabulary Workbook Volume D

Language Network Grammar and accompanying workbook McDougal/Littell