

YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL
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COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH 9 HONORS
DEPARTMENT: ENGLISH

<u>REQUIREMENT SATISFIED:</u>			
High School:	X	Model Curriculum Standards:	X
State College:	X	Frameworks:	X
UC Approved:	X		

GRADE LEVEL: 9 LENGTH OF COURSE: 1 Year CREDITS: 10

PREREQUISITE: Reading and writing skills above grade level based on the following criteria: 1) Score on the writing assessment administered by the Yosemite High School English Department (must earn a minimum of 4 on the scoring rubric); 2) "Advanced" score on 7th grade CST; 3) 8th grade teacher recommendation; 4) "B" minimum for 1st semester of 8th grade language arts.

TEXTBOOKS: The Language of Literature (Anthology) McDougal

CORE LITERATURE: The Odyssey
Romeo and Juliet

OPTIONAL WORKS: The Hobbit
Animal Farm
All Quiet on the Western Front
The Old Man and the Sea

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to develop student writing and reading skills necessary for success in both high school and college. Students will learn how to organize and write paragraphs and essays that coherently support a thesis. Students will also compose various other types of writing - fiction and autobiography, for example. Course assignments will include lessons in sentence structure, writing mechanics, and punctuation. Students will read various genres of literature and learn the terminology necessary to analyze and discuss literature. Vocabulary enhancement exercises and cultural literacy lessons will be an ongoing part of English 9 Honors. This course is designed to challenge the top English students.

COURSE OUTLINE/ALIGNMENT TO CALIFORNIA STATE STANDARDS AND EXPECTED SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING RESULTS:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Standards</u>	<u>ESLRS:</u>
<u>Course Content/Objectives:</u>	<u>Addressed:</u>	
All literature - short stories, novels poems, etc.; Poetry Unit; <u>The Odyssey</u> and <u>Romeo and Juliet</u>	Word Analysis and Vocabulary Development 1.1,1.2,1.3	1,2,3
<u>The Odyssey, Romeo and Juliet, All Quiet on the Western Front</u> , novels, plays, stories, and poems; poetry unit	Literary Response and Analysis 3.1,3.2,3.3 3.4,3.6,3.7 3.8,3.9,3.10 3.11,3.12	1,2,3

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LEARNING RESULTS: (Continued)

<u>Assignment</u> <u>Course Content/Objectives:</u>	<u>Standards</u> <u>Addressed:</u>	<u>ESLRS:</u>
Fiction and nonfiction; speech	Listening and Speaking 1.1,1.3,1.4 1.5,1.6,2.2	1,2,3,4,6
Identify and use clauses and phrases; compound sentences; complex sentences; participial and appositive phrases; use of parallel structure; verb and pronoun usage; subject-verb agreement capitalization and punctuation.	Written and Oral Language Grammar and Mechanics 1.1,1.2,1.3	1,2,3,4,6
Paragraphs and essays; autobiographical and fiction	Written and Oral Language Manuscript Form 1.4,1.5	
Paragraphs and essays; autobiography fiction - verisimilitude, dialogue story, <u>Odyssey</u> chapter	Writing Strategies Organization and Focus 1.1,1.2	1,2,3,4,5,6
Autobiography; responses to literature; expository paragraphs	Writing Applications 2.1 (a,b,c,d,e) 2.2 (a,b,c,d) 2.3 (a)	1,2,3,4,6

DISTRICT/STATE CONTENT STANDARDS ADDRESSED:

Reading (Grades 9-10):

Word Analysis, Fluency, and Systematic Vocabulary Development (Grades 9- 10).

1. Students apply their knowledge of word origins to determine the meaning of new words encountered in reading materials and use those words accurately.
 - 1.1 Identify and use the literal and figurative meanings of words and understand word derivations.
 - 1.2 Distinguish between the denotative and connotative meanings of words and interpret the connotative power of words.
 - 1.3 Identify Greek, Roman, and Norse mythology and use the knowledge to understand the origin and meaning of new words (e.g., the word "narcissistic" drawn from the myth of Narcissus and Echo).

Reading Comprehension - Focus on Informational Materials (Grades 9-10).

2. Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material. They analyze the organizational patterns, arguments, and positions advanced. The selections in *Recommended Literature, Grades 9 through 12* (1990) illustrate the quality and complexity of the materials to be read by students. In addition, by grade 12, students read two million words annually on their own, including a wide variety of classic and contemporary literature, magazines, newspapers, and on-line information. In grades 9 and 10, students make substantial progress toward this goal.
 - 2.1 Analyze the structure and format of functional workplace documents including the graphics and headers, and explain how authors use the features to achieve their purposes.
 - 2.2 Prepare a bibliography of reference materials for a report using a variety of consumer, workplace, and public documents.
 - 2.3 Generate relevant questions about readings on issues that can be researched.
 - 2.4 Synthesize the content from several sources or works by a single author dealing with a single issue; paraphrase the ideas and connect them to other sources and related topics to demonstrate comprehension.
 - 2.5 Extend ideas presented in primary or secondary sources through original analysis, evaluation, and elaboration.
 - 2.6 Demonstrate use of sophisticated learning tools by following technical directions (e.g., those found with graphic calculators and specialized software programs and in access guides to World Wide Web sites on the Internet).
 - 2.7 Critique the logic of functional documents by examining the sequence of information and procedures in anticipation of possible reader misunderstandings.
 - 2.8 Evaluate the credibility of an author's argument or defense of a claim by critiquing the relationship between generalizations and evidence, the comprehensiveness of evidence, and the way in which the author's intent affects the structure and tone of the text (e.g., in professional journals, editorials, political speeches, primary source material).

Literary Response and Analysis (Grades 9-10).

3. Students read and respond to historically or culturally significant works of literature that reflect and enhance their studies of history and social science. They conduct in-depth analyses of recurrent patterns and themes. The selections in *Recommended Literature, Grades 9 through 12* illustrate the quality and complexity of the materials to be read by students.
 - 3.1 Articulate the relationship between the expressed purposes and the characteristics of different forms of dramatic literature (e.g., comedy, tragedy, drama, dramatic monologue).
 - 3.2 Compare and contrast the presentation of a similar theme or topic across genres to explain how the selection of genre shapes the theme or topic.

- 3.3 Analyze interactions between main and subordinate characters in a literary text (e.g., internal and external conflicts, motivations, relationships, influences) and explain the way those interactions affect the plot.
- 3.4 Determine characters' traits by what the characters say about themselves in narration, dialogue, dramatic monologue, and soliloquy.
- 3.5 Compare works that express a universal theme and provide evidence to support the ideas expressed in each work.
- 3.6 Analyze and trace an author's development of time and sequence, including the use of complex literary devices (e.g., foreshadowing, flashbacks).
- 3.7 Recognize and understand the significance of various literary devices, including figurative language, imagery, allegory, and symbolism, and explain their appeal.
- 3.8 Interpret and evaluate the impact of ambiguities, subtleties, contradictions, ironies, and incongruities in a text.
- 3.9 Explain how voice, persona, and the choice of a narrator affect characterization and the tone, plot, and credibility of a text.
- 3.10 Identify and describe the function of dialogue, scene designs, soliloquies, asides, and character foils in dramatic literature.
- 3.11 Evaluate the aesthetic qualities of style, including the impact of diction and figurative language on tone, mood, and theme, using the terminology of literary criticism.
- 3.12 Analyze the way in which a work of literature is related to the themes and issues of its historical period. (Historical approach).

Writing (Grades 9-10):

1. Writing Strategies (Grades 9-10). Students write coherent and focused essays that convey a well-defined perspective and tightly reasoned argument. The writing demonstrates students' awareness of the audience and purpose. Students progress through the stages of the writing process as needed.
 - 1.1 Establish a controlling impression or coherent thesis that conveys a clear and distinctive perspective on the subject and maintain a consistent tone and focus throughout the piece of writing.
 - 1.2 Use precise language, action verbs, sensory details, appropriate modifiers, and the active rather than the passive voice.
 - 1.3 Use clear research questions and suitable research methods (e.g., library, electronic media, personal interview) to elicit and present evidence from primary and secondary sources.
 - 1.4 Develop the main ideas within the body of the composition through supporting evidence (e.g., scenarios, commonly held beliefs, hypotheses, definitions).

- 1.5 Synthesize information from multiple sources and identify complexities and discrepancies in the information and the different perspectives found in each medium (e.g., almanacs, microfiche, news sources, in-depth field studies, speeches, journals, technical documents).
- 1.6 Integrate quotations and citations into a written text while maintaining the flow of ideas.
- 1.7 Use appropriate conventions for documentation in the text, notes, and bibliographies by adhering to those in style manuals (e.g., Modern Language Association Handbook, The Chicago Manual of Style).
- 1.8 Design and publish documents by using advanced publishing software and graphic programs.
- 1.9 Revise writing to improve the logic and coherence of the organization and controlling perspective, the precision of word choice, and the tone by taking into consideration the audience, purpose, and formality of the context.

Writing Applications - Genres and Their Characteristics (Grades 9-10).

2. Students combine the rhetorical strategies of narration, exposition, persuasion, and description to produce texts of at least 1,500 words each. Student writing demonstrates a command of standard American English and the research, organizational, and drafting strategies outlined in Writing Standard 1.0
 - 2.1 Write biographical or autobiographical narratives or short stories:
 - a) Relate a sequence of events and communicate the significance of the events to the audience.
 - b) Locate scenes and incidents in specific places.
 - c) Describe with concrete sensory details the sights, sounds, and smells of a scene and the specific actions, movements, gestures, and feelings of the characters: use interior monologue to depict the characters' feelings.
 - d) Pace the presentation of actions to accommodate changes in time and mood.
 - e) Make effective use of descriptions of appearance, images, shifting perspectives, and sensory details.
 - 2.2 Write responses to literature:
 - a) Demonstrate a comprehensive grasp of the significant ideas of literary works.
 - b) Support important ideas and viewpoints through accurate and detailed references to the text or to other works.
 - c) Demonstrate awareness of the author's use of stylistic devices and an appreciation of the effects created.
 - d) Identify and assess the impact of perceived ambiguities, nuances, and complexities within the text.

- 2.3 Write expository compositions, including analytical essays and research reports:
- a) Marshall evidence in support of a thesis and related claims, including information on all relevant perspectives.
 - b) Convey information and ideas from primary and secondary sources accurately and coherently.
 - c) Make distinctions between the relative value and significance of specific data, facts, and ideas.
 - d) Include visual aids by employing appropriate technology to organize and record information on charts, maps, and graphs.
 - e) Anticipate and address readers' potential misunderstandings, biases, and expectations.
 - f) Use technical terms and notations accurately.
- 2.4 Write persuasive compositions:
- a) Structure ideas and arguments in a sustained and logical fashion.
 - b) Use specific rhetorical devices to support assertions (e.g., appeal to logic through reasoning; appeal to emotion or ethical belief; relate a personal anecdote, case study, or analogy).
 - c) Clarify and defend positions with precise and relevant evidence, including facts, expert opinions, quotations, and expressions of commonly accepted beliefs and logical reasoning.
 - d) Address readers' concerns, counterclaims, biases, and expectations.
- 2.5 Write business letters:
- a) Provide clear and purposeful information and address the intended audience appropriately.
 - b) Use appropriate vocabulary, tone, and style to take into account the nature of the relationship with, and the knowledge and interests of, the recipients.
 - c) Highlight central ideas or images.
 - d) Follow a conventional style with page formats, fonts, and spacing that contribute to the documents' readability and impact.
- 2.6 Write technical documents (e.g., a manual on rules of behavior for conflict resolution, procedures for conducting a meeting, minutes of a meeting):
- a) Report information and convey ideas logically and correctly.

- b) Offer detailed and accurate specifications.
- c) Include scenarios, definitions, and examples to aid comprehension (e.g., troubleshooting guide).
- d) Anticipate readers' problems, mistakes, and misunderstandings.

Written and Oral English Language Conventions (Grades 9-10):

1. Students will write and speak with a command of standard English conventions. The standards for written and oral English language conventions have been placed between those for writing and for listening and speaking because these conventions are essential to both sets of skills.
 - 1.1 Identify and correctly use clauses (e.g., main and subordinate) phrases (e.g., gerund, infinitive, and participial), and mechanics of punctuation (e.g., semicolons, colons, ellipses, hyphens).
 - 1.2 Understand sentence construction (e.g., parallel structure, subordination, proper placement of modifiers) and proper English usage (e.g., consistency of verb tenses).
 - 1.3 Demonstrate an understanding of proper English usage and control of grammar, paragraph, and sentence structure, diction, and syntax.
 - 1.4 Produce legible work that shows accurate spelling and correct use of the conventions of punctuation and capitalization.
 - 1.5 Reflect appropriate manuscript requirements, including title page presentation, pagination, spacing and margins, and integration of source and support material (e.g., in-text citation, use of direct quotations, paraphrasing) with appropriate citations.

Listening and Speaking Strategies (Grades 9-10):

1. Students formulate adroit judgments about oral communication. They deliver focused and coherent presentations of their own that convey clear and distinct perspectives and solid reasoning. They use gestures, tone, and vocabulary tailored to the audience and purpose.
 - 1.1 Formulate judgments about the ideas under discussion and support those judgments with convincing evidence.
 - 1.2 Compare and contrast the ways in which media genres (e.g., televised news, news magazines, documentaries, online information) cover the same event.
 - 1.3 Choose logical patterns of organization (e.g., chronological, topical, cause and effect) to inform and to persuade, by soliciting agreement or action, or to unite audiences behind a common belief or cause.
 - 1.4 Choose appropriate techniques for developing the introduction and conclusion (e.g., by using literary quotations, anecdotes, references to authoritative sources).

- 1.5 Recognize and use elements of classical speech forms (e.g., introduction, first and second transitions, body, conclusion) in formulating rational arguments and applying the art of persuasion and debate.
- 1.6 Present and advance a clear thesis statement and choose appropriate types of proof (e.g., statistics, testimony, specific instances) that meet standard tests for evidence, including credibility, validity, and relevance.
- 1.7 Use props, visual aids, graphs, and electronic media to enhance the appeal and accuracy of presentations.
- 1.8 Produce concise notes for extemporaneous delivery.
- 1.9 Analyze the occasion and the interests of the audience and choose effective verbal and nonverbal techniques (e.g., voice, gestures, eye contact) for presentations.
- 1.10 Analyze historically significant speeches (e.g., Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address", Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a Dream") to find the rhetorical devices and features that make them memorable.
- 1.11 Assess how language and delivery affect the mood and tone of the oral communication and make an impact on the audience.
- 1.12 Evaluate the clarity, quality, effectiveness, and general coherence of a speaker's important points, arguments, evidence, organization of ideas, delivery, diction, and syntax.
- 1.13 Analyze the types of arguments used by the speaker, including argument by causation, analogy, authority, emotion, and logic.
- 1.14 Identify the aesthetic effects of a media presentation and evaluate the techniques used to create them (e.g., compare Shakespeare's Henry V with Kenneth Branagh's 1990 film version).

Speaking Applications - Genres and their Characteristics (Grades 9-10):

2. Students deliver polished formal and extemporaneous presentations that combine the traditional rhetorical strategies of narration, exposition, persuasion, and description. Student speaking demonstrates a command of standard American English and the organizational and delivery strategies outlined in Listening and Speaking Standard 1.0
 - 2.1 Using the speaking strategies of grades 9-10 outlined in Listening and Speaking Standards 1.0, students will deliver presentations:
 - a) Narrate a sequence of events and communicate their significance to the audience.
 - b) Locate scenes and incidents in specific places.
 - c) Describe with concrete sensory details the signs, sounds, and smells of a scene and the specific actions, movements, gestures, and feelings of characters.
 - d) Pace the presentation of actions to accommodate time or mood changes.

- 2.2 Deliver expository presentations:
- a) Marshall evidence in support of a thesis and related claims, including information on all relevant perspectives.
 - b) Convey information and ideas from primary and secondary sources accurately and coherently.
 - c) Make distinctions between the relative value and significance of specific data, facts, and ideas.
 - d) Include visual aids by employing appropriate technology to organize and display information on charts, maps, and graphs.
 - e) Anticipate and address the listener's potential misunderstandings, biases, and expectations.
 - f) Use technical terms and notations accurately.
- 2.3 Apply appropriate interviewing techniques:
- a) Prepare and ask relevant questions.
 - b) Make notes of responses.
 - c) Use language that conveys maturity, sensitivity, and respect.
 - d) Respond correctly and effectively to questions.
 - e) Demonstrate knowledge of the subject or organization.
 - f) Compile and report responses.
 - g) Evaluate the effectiveness of the interview.
- 2.4 Deliver oral responses to literature:
- a) Advance a judgment demonstrating a comprehensive grasp of the significant ideas of works or passages (i.e., make and support warranted assertions about the text).
 - b) Support important ideas and viewpoints through accurate and detailed references to the text or to other works.
 - c) Demonstrate awareness of the author's use of stylistic devices and an appreciation of the effects created.
 - d) Identify and assess the impact of perceived ambiguities, nuances, and complexities within the text.
- 2.5 Deliver persuasive arguments (including evaluation and analysis of problems and solutions and causes and effects):
- a) Structure ideas and arguments in a coherent, logical fashion.
 - b) Structure rhetorical devices to support assertions (e.g., by appeal to logic through reasoning; by appeal to emotion or ethical belief; by use of personal anecdote, case study, or analogy).

- c) Clarify and defend positions with precise and relevant evidence, including facts, expert opinions, quotations, expressions of commonly accepted beliefs, and logical reasoning.
- d) Anticipate and address the listener's concerns and counterarguments.

2.6 Deliver descriptive presentations:

- a) Establish clearly the speaker's point of view on the subject of the presentation.
- b) Establish clearly the speaker's relationship with that subject (e.g., dispassionate observation, personal involvement).
- c) Use effective, factual descriptions of appearance, concrete images, shifting perspectives and vantage points, and sensory details.

OUTCOMES:

Students will demonstrate basic competency in course standards by achieving a minimum 60 % proficiency in coursework or by passing the course final.

Students will demonstrate ability to write sentences, paragraphs and essays using standard English conventions at a level indicating preparedness for sequential English instruction.

Students will demonstrate ability to read and understand poems, fiction, and nonfiction.

Students will deliver a speech with clear organization using introduction, body, and conclusion.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES:

Collaborative group activities, integrated instruction, lessons presented using a variety of methods to address all learning modalities, lecture, discussion, oral reading, silent reading, in class writing, on demand writing, editing, peer editing, speech.

ASSESSMENT:

Quizzes
Unit tests
Oral question and answer
Written papers, speeches
Writing portfolio
Standards Master
Reflective assessment.