

**PREREQUISITES**

8th Grade English Semester Grade of B or higher \*Final grade will also be considered  
 8th Grade Social Studies Semester Grade of B or higher \*Final grade will also be considered  
 MAP Lexile Score of 1000 or higher

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS**

<b><u>English 9 Honors</u></b>	<b><u>World Studies Honors</u></b>
<p>English 9 Honors will follow the general English 9 curriculum; however, it will be taught at an accelerated pace, extend the learning of Common Core skills, and provide opportunities for critical thinking. This course is intended for the students who are primarily interested in the reading and analyzing of texts, <u>not connected with the historical information in World Studies.</u> Students should expect to complete a large amount of reading and writing, both in and out of class. Students should be able to write a multi-paragraph analysis of both fiction and nonfiction texts, incorporating evidence from the text and analysis of that evidence. The critical thinking and writing skills required for this class will also prepare the student for Honors as well as Advanced Placement level English classes.</p>	<p>Honors ninth-grade students continue the chronological study of world history. As students study historic eras, they consider the influence of geographic settings, cultural perspectives, economic systems, and various forms of government. All World History courses (Honors or otherwise) utilize similar targets and indicators for student performance. However, students enrolled in Honors World History will cover course content at a faster pace and/or in greater depth than those students enrolled in other World History classes. The critical thinking and writing skills required for this class will also prepare the student for Advanced Placement level Social Studies classes. Literary and historical reading and writing are also major components of the curriculum. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the role of citizens and continue to develop their research skills.</p>
<p><b><u>Humanities Honors 9 (English 9 and World Studies Combination)</u></b></p>	
<p>This course, of joint honors level classes, is for the passionate scholar and active global citizen in the making. Students will investigate, debate, and write about world history through multifaceted lenses using literature, art, music, law, and philosophy. Throughout our course of study, students will develop stronger communication; collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity skills to better understand the human experience and learn to problem solve to make our world a better place. In addition to previous skills, students should expect to complete a large amount of reading and writing, both in and out of class and should be able to write a multi-paragraph analysis of both fiction and nonfiction texts, incorporating evidence from the text and analysis of that evidence. Humanities 9 is recommended for students planning to take both English and Social Studies Advanced Placement courses.</p>	

**I acknowledge that I have read the course prerequisites, descriptions and expectations.**

**I will work hard and try my best as a student enrolled in (select the course or courses you wish to be in)**

\_\_\_\_\_ English 9 Honors

\_\_\_\_\_ World Studies Honors

\_\_\_\_\_ Humanities Honors 9

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 Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

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 Parent/Guardian(s)

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 Date

**I acknowledge that I have read the course prerequisites, descriptions and expectations and recommend the following student to take the selected course(s).**

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 Language Arts Teacher's Signature  
 (Needed for English 9 Honors, World Studies Honors or Humanities Honors 9 request.)

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 Date

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 Social Studies Teacher's Signature  
 (Needed for World Studies Honors or Humanities Honors 9 request.)

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 Date

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 School Counselor

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 Date