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English 9  
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### **Course Overview**

Freshman English is a full-year course designed to challenge each individual student to explore his or her own potential and to prepare each student for post-graduate success. Students will read and master many genres of World Literature including the short story, fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama. In addition to core texts, we will also explore and analyze specific historical periods and its characteristics. By studying a wide range of literature and time periods, students will build an understanding of the many dimensions of the human experience and growth of the English Language. In addition, through frequent and varied writing assignments students will master strategies that will prepare them for their future endeavors.

### **Course Objectives**

Throughout this course, students will:

- Analyze and discuss many works of literature.
- Incorporate appropriate grammar and mechanics in all work.
- Improve skills in oral and written communication.
- Master MLA format throughout writing assignments.
- Present speeches, poems and dramatic scenes.

### **Classroom Expectations and Consequences**

In this classroom, you are expected:

- To have an open mind and be creative!
- To be on time and be sitting quietly in your seat when the bell rings;
- To always come to class prepared with binder, paper, pens/pencils, appropriate textbooks, completed assignments, and any other materials that you are instructed to bring (Additionally, always have with you something to read should you have free time);
- To follow all directions given by the teacher or included on an assignment;
- To meet all deadlines (Assignments are due at 7:55am on the due date);
- To be academically honest (plagiarizing and cheating will NOT be tolerated);
- To respect other students and the teacher by being attentive when others are speaking, raising your hand to speak, and not being disruptive;
- To be courteous to others by respecting their personal space;
- To actively participate in group discussions and activities; and
- To follow ALL school rules as described in the Student Handbook.

**Extra Help**

Extra help should be made by appointment. Any parent or guardian who would like to meet, please email/call ahead to schedule a time. I can meet before or after school if need be.