



9th Grade Literature and Composition

GSIC

2023-2024 Syllabus

Mrs. J. Harris



Course Description

Welcome to the start of a new school year! This course provides 9th grade students with a review and an expansion of the fundamentals of English grammar and writing skills for essays, narratives, and research. We will read classic and modern literature to include the short stories, novels, epic and other poetry, drama and nonfiction. Students will also improve their reading level and comprehension with vocabulary study throughout the year.

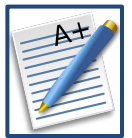


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Grading Policy



The grading categories are as follows:

- 40% Tests/Projects/Extensive Essays
- 35% Quizzes/Short Essays
- 25% Classwork/Homework

It is the responsibility of the parents and students to monitor grades through Infinite Campus and Google Classroom.

Supplies



- Chromebook
- Three-ring binder with 4 dividers (sections: vocabulary, grammar/writing, study guide, graded work)
- Loose-leaf paper
- Pens/pencil
- Highlighters
- Novels to purchase:
- Ender's Game by Orson Scott (second nine weeks)

https://www.amazon.com/Enders-Game-Enders-Quintet-1/dp/1250773024/ref=sr_1_1?crid=21ATOW51E4TQX&keywords=ender%27s+game&qid=1693238843&s=books&sprefix=enders+game%2Cstripbooks%2C173&sr=1-1

Classroom Expectations

- Be on time and present.
- Be respectful.
- Be prepared.
- Be ready to participate.
- Cell phones off and put away.

Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism is the practice of copying words, sentences, images, or ideas for use in written or oral assessments without giving proper credit to the source. Cheating is defined as the giving or receiving of illegal help on anything that has been determined by the teacher to be an individual effort. Both are considered serious offenses and will result in a 0.

Absences/Make-Up Work

Check Google Classroom when you are absent. If the assignment is not turned in, the student will receive a zero. When you come back after being sick, making arrangements for completing make-up work is your responsibility. You must complete make-up work within five days after returning to school to not receive late points. An unexcused absence is an automatic 0.

Units of Study

Term One - *The Odyssey*, myths and poems

Term Two - *Ender's Game* and short stories

Term Three - *Romeo and Juliet* and poetry

Term Four - *The Autobiography of Fredrick Douglas* and other nonfiction

Discipline Policy

The rules, dress code, and discipline policy of GSIC will be obeyed in my class. The first violation will be recorded, and the student will be advised on how to correct the situation. The second offense will be documented and a parent or guardian will be contacted. The third violation will be referred to the administration. Depending on the severity or type of infraction, some steps may be skipped. (See Handbook for further details.)

Internet/Computer Access

Most, if not all, of the assigned student work will be available on the computer through Google Classroom and other websites. If online or computer access is an issue at home, please inform us BEFORE there is an issue with a student being unable to complete work at home.

