

ENGLISH 9

8:15-8:57 a.m.

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LITERATURE

- Short Story Unit (1st semester)
 - “The Red-Headed League” by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
 - “By the Waters of Babylon” by Stephen Vincent Benet
 - “The Woman Who Had No Prejudices” by Anton Chekhov
 - “The Shepherd’s Daughter” by William Saroyan
 - “Mammon and the Archer” by O. Henry
 - “The Open Window” by Saki
 - “An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge” by Ambrose Bierce
- Novel Unit: *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson (1st semester)
- Drama Unit: *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare (2nd semester)
- Greek Epic Unit: *The Odyssey* by Homer (2nd semester)
- Poetry Unit (2nd semester)

GRAMMAR (1st semester, but also as needed)

- Mechanics
- Parts of Speech
- Parts of the Sentence
- Phrases
- Clauses

COMPOSITION (on-going throughout the year)

- Sentence structure
- Paragraph structure and types
- Writing strong introductions and conclusions
- Organization
- Cohesiveness
- Writing a research paper

SPELLING & VOCABULARY

- Weekly quizzes (usually on Fridays)

MAJOR PROJECTS

- Written book report—1st semester
- Research paper—3rd quarter
- Oral book report—4th quarter (as time allows)

ENGLISH CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

*Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.
Proverbs 9:9*

- Show respect for others in the classroom. (All rules in the Student Handbook are in effect.)
- Demonstrate your faith through your words and actions and by doing your best on your work.
- Be prepared
 - homework, textbook, notebook, folder or binder, assignment notebook, and blue or black pens with you. **You are required to have a folder or a three-ring binder in which to keep your assignments and tests.**
 - Make sure your laptop or tablet is charged and available every day. You may not use it, but it should be ready to go.
 - Have your homework done and with you when you come to class. **Homework not turned in when assigned due will receive only 50% of the scored grade (e.g. 90% on time = 45% when turned in late).**
- Listen carefully to all classroom discussion and instructions. Take notes—it makes studying for unit tests and finals much easier!
- Remember that laptops and other similar devices are a privilege. You may use them to take notes, but the teacher reserves the right to check what you are doing and/or ask you to put the device away. No games, no music, no chat, no email, etc., unless required as part of the class.
- Silence your phone and place it in the basket in the front of the room.
- Keep the classroom clean. The floor is not a trash can—please pick up after yourself. **Put paper recyclables in the recycling box.**
- Keep a book cover on your textbook all year.

GRADING PROCEDURES

- Tests, Reports, Projects = 50%
- Daily Work and Quizzes = 50%

A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79% D = 60-69% F = 0-59%