

**Plainfield South High School
Course Outline
2009-2010**

**English 9 Honors
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Required Texts:

Glencoe Literature Anthology
Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird
Charles Dickens's A Tale of Two Cities
George Orwell's Animal Farm (summer reading)
George Orwell's 1984 (summer reading)
Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 (summer reading)
John Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men
William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*

Course Description/Objectives

This course is available to freshman with superior ability in reading and language arts. Included in this intensive year-long program will be the study of genre in the literary anthology to include short story, drama, and poetry, as well as select units in grammar in usage. Novel study will further advance literary analytical, and interpretive skills. Special units in reference (research paper required), mythology, and vocabulary building are the main components of this advanced course.

Units of Study

- Summer Reading
- Short Stories
- Poetry
- William Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*
- William Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*
- John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*
- D.E.A.R. / Grammar/ Sentence Structure/ Vocabulary
- Mythology/Homer's epic *The Odyssey*:
- Harper Lee's novel To Kill A Mockingbird
- Charles Dickens's A Tale of Two Cities

Required Materials:

- Two notebooks: One for each semester
- Folder or binder for handouts.
- All required texts that we are using in class.
- Pens and pencils.

Grading Percentage Breakdown:

Homework: 10%

Quizzes: 20%

Tests: 25 %

Products: 30%

Final Exam: 15%

Grading Scale:

100-90 = A

89-80 = B

79-70 = C

69-60 = D

Late Work Policies: ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE TO BE TURNED IN ON THE DAY THEY ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD.

Homework: Homework assignments will be accepted up to four days late with a 10 percent reduction in the grade per day. If not submitted after four days, the assignment will go in the gradebook as an “NHI,” which is equivalent to a 49%.

Quizzes and Tests: In the event of an excused absence, quizzes and tests can be made up within a reasonable amount of time anytime during a unit. Quizzes and tests from previous units may not be made up and will receive zero credit.

Products: Major essays and projects will be accepted up to one week late with a 10% deduction in the grade per day. However, if they are not submitted after a week, they may no longer be made up and will receive zero credit. **In order to be considered on time, all essays must be turned in to turnitin.com as well as printed and turned in as a hard copy. Essays in emails and/ or on flash drives will not be accepted unless otherwise noted. ****

Classroom Rules:

1. Use your words appropriately
2. Turn all electronic devices off when the bell rings
3. Listen while others speak
4. Be responsible for your grade
5. Keep the classroom clean

Tardies: being in class on time is essential to your success as a well as your peers' success in class.

- First and second tardies are warnings
- Third tardy is a detention and a call home

- Fourth tardy is a referral to dean and a two hour ASA
- Fifth tardy is a referral to dean and a Saturday detention
- Sixth tardy and beyond will be a referral to the dean and may result in being dropped from the class to a study hall

Electronic /communication devices: while cell phones and personal music players are often beneficial in many circumstances, their use has no purpose in the classroom.

- First offense- Warning
- Second offense- Detention/Phone call home
- Third offense- Dean referral, ASA or Saturday, parent call
- Fourth offense- Dean referral, Saturday or CC, parent call, student final contract
- Fifth offense- Dean referral, final contract, parent contact, may be dropped from class

Routines and Procedures:

- Take a seat before the bell rings
- Read the board for the day's agenda and instructions for the beginning of class
- Take out materials and listen for verbal instructions
- Stay seated throughout the class period unless told otherwise
- Wait until you are given the "Okay" to pack up materials.

Tips for Succeeding in this Course:

- Complete all assignments on time
- Always come prepared to class on time with notebooks, folder, pen, and whatever reading material we're using
- Share your thoughts and ideas with the class.
- Ask questions! If you need help in class or outside of class feel free to talk to me Talk to me after class, call me, send me an email. I want to help in any way I can
- Come to class with a good attitude and be ready to learn. Be respectful of yourself, your classmates, and me.

Office Hours: Classroom 410 / Office 412

Time for extra help: Mondays from 3:30-4:30 in the media center.

Or you can email me anytime to discuss an assignment. Please allow 24 hours for me to respond to you. Don't wait until the last minute!!

Please sign and date, notifying me that you have read and understand all of the above policies. Don't throw this away!

Signature _____ Date_____

