

English 9

Course #: 0005-0006

Credit: 1

Length: Year

Year(s) Taken: 9

Prerequisite:

Ninth grade is an important year for establishing a foundation of skills that you will build upon throughout high school and beyond. The English 9 curriculum at HHS is designed to correlate with the content of your ninth-grade social studies class. In reading, there will be a strong emphasis on strengthening critical thinking skills and close reading strategies as you analyze literature from multiple genres, periods and cultures. Emphasis is also placed on accountable discussion of literature – participation in class and small group discussions is an important part of your grade. In addition, you will learn how to strengthen your writing, as we practice each step of the writing process through a variety of writing exercises, both formal (essays, reading responses, research projects) and informal (creative writing, journals, blogs). Finally, collaboration is another important aspect of this course, as you work with your peers to provide feedback on each other's writing and to share various perspectives on the literature that we study.