

Pebblebrook High School
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English Department

Fall Semester 2008

COURSE TITLE: Honors 9th Grade Lit/Comp
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LEARNING GOAL: This year the school goals focus on improving reading comprehension and written expression. Freshman Literature and Composition will provide a myriad of opportunities for students to meet this goal through independent, small group, large group, teacher-led and student-led educational experiences.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Freshman lit/comp will provide students with an overview of major literary genres including novels, drama, short stories and non-fiction. A variety of authors will be included. The class will also teach and reinforce composition skills.

GRADING POLICY:	Reading	35%
	Writing & Conventions	30%
	Speaking, Listening & Viewing.....	15%
	End of Course Test.....	15%
	Final Exam.....	5%

TEXTS/READINGS: The assigned textbook is Prentice Hall's Literature *Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes* Gold Level, which I will provide. In addition, we will read several of the following: *A Man for All Seasons* by Robert Bolt, *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, *Night* by Elie Wiesel, *Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow, *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare and *The Odyssey* by Homer.

Film(s): All films will be announced ahead of time and will be approved by Pebblebrook High School. Possible films include *A Man for All Seasons, Animal Farm, Romeo and Juliet, Romeo+Juliet, West Side Story, The Odyssey,* and *O Brother Where Art Thou.*

**NOTE*: If a parent/guardian has a concern with any book, film, or other material for the course, please contact me so we can discuss an alternate assignment for your student.*

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. Pen/Pencil
2. Required textbook/outside reading materials
3. Three-ring binder/folder with pockets and loose leaf paper
4. Headphones

ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP POLICY:

A student who is present and actively participates is more likely to be successful; however, if a student is absent, he/she has the number of days absent plus one day to make up assigned work. If the student does not make up the work, a zero will be given for the missed work. All a student has to do is ASK, and I will be happy to designate a time for make-up work. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INQUIRE ABOUT ANY MISSED WORK!

LATE WORK POLICY:

Major written assignments or projects are penalized up to 10 POINTS if submitted one day late; 10 POINTS may be deducted for each additional day late; major assignments may not be accepted after seven days. Late class work and homework assignments only receive HALF CREDIT the first day, and they will not be accepted after that time.

TARDY POLICY:

To avoid being counted tardy, ***students must be seated and ready for class when the bell rings***. School policy states that students may receive warnings, teacher detentions, Saturday school, in-school suspension and out-of-school suspension for repeated tardiness. Bottom line: **be on time to class!**

EXTRA HELP: I am available any day of the week before or after school as long as you give me advance notice.

COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- All work should be completed with care and reflect grade level insight. Illegible work and papers without the proper identification will receive a zero.
- Your name, teacher name, class and date should appear in the upper left-hand corner of all assignments per MLA style.
- All final draft essays should follow the standard MLA manuscript format for written composition. Major writing assignments should be typed. The computer lab (907) and the media center computers are available before and after school for word processing.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Cheating is considered a serious matter. The parents of a student who has been involved in cheating will be notified and the student will receive a grade of zero for the test or evaluation period, and a grade of U in conduct.

For this course, cheating is defined as, but is not limited to, the following acts:

- Copying anyone's answers to questions, exercises, study guides, class work or homework assignments
- Taking any information verbatim from any source, including the Internet, without giving proper credit to the author, or rearranging the order of words and/or changing some words as written by the author and claiming the work as his or her own, i.e., plagiarism.
- Looking at another student's paper during a test or quiz.
- Having available any study notes or other test aids during a test or quiz without the teacher's permission.
- Collaborating on assignments when independent work is expected.

SYLLABUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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- I have read the parent letter and understand the academic integrity policy.
- I have reviewed the class syllabus and understand the grading policy.
- I give permission for my child to view the listed movies that are related to the curriculum of the class.
- I give permission for my child to read the class parallel readings noted in the syllabus.
- I am willing to be contacted by email, phone, and regular mail regarding my student's progress

Student Name: _____
(Please print)

(Student's Signature)

(Parent's Signature)

(Parent's Email)

RETURN THIS FORM WITH BOTH SIGNATURES BY THE END OF WEEK ONE.
Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.