

•ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT•

ENGLISH 9 AB

Full Year, 1 Credit/Sem

Course Nos. 101-102

Grade Level: 9

Prerequisite: None

Description: English 9, an integrated English course based on *Indiana's Academic Standards for English/Language Arts* in Grade 9, is a study of language, literature, composition, and oral communication with a focus on exploring a wide-variety of genres and their elements. Students use literary interpretation, analysis, comparisons, and evaluation to read and respond to representative works of historical or cultural significance appropriate for Grade 9 in classic and contemporary literature balanced with nonfiction. Students write short stories, responses to literature, expository and persuasive compositions, research reports, business letters, and technical documents. Students deliver grade-appropriate oral presentations and access, analyze, and evaluate online information.

HONORS ENGLISH 9 AB

Full Year, 1 Credit/Sem

Course Nos. 103-104

Grade Level: 9

Prerequisite: Acceptable ISTEP scores and teacher recommendation

Description: This course is designed for the freshman student who enjoys the study of writing and literature. It will cover a broad range of literature from E.B. White's *Charlotte's Web* and John Steinbeck's *The Pearl* to Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Writing in a variety of modes will be an important component of the class. Lively discussion and honest debate await all who are willing to accept the challenge.

ENGLISH 10AB

Full Year, 1 Credit/Sem

Course Nos. 105-106

Grade Level: 10

Prerequisite: English 9AB

Description: English 10, an integrated English course based on *Indiana's Academic Standards for English/Language Arts* in Grade 10, is a study of language, literature, composition, and oral communication with a focus on exploring universal themes across a wide variety of genres. Students use literary interpretation, analysis, comparisons, and evaluation to read and respond to representative works of historical or cultural significance appropriate for Grade 10 in classic and contemporary literature balanced with nonfiction. Students write short stories, responses to literature, expository and persuasive compositions, research reports, business letters, and technical documents. Students deliver grade-appropriate oral presentations and access, analyze, and evaluate online information.

HONORS ENGLISH 10AB

Full Year, 1 Credit/Sem

Course Nos. 107-108

Grade Level: 10

Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation/ISTEP scores

Description: This course continues the challenge of the Honors English 9AB class in order to build a foundation for academic excellence and college preparation.

Juniors and Seniors--Select two of the following semester Core 40/ AHD courses each year

ADVANCED SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION

One Semester, 1 Credit

Course No. 120

Grade Levels: 11, 12

Prerequisite: none

Description: This course continues with the Public Speaking skills learned in English 9 and 10. The course focuses on leadership development, listening skills, oral interpretation, parliamentary procedure, research methods, and oral debate. Students are given opportunities to express subject matter knowledge and content through various writing experiences and to read a variety of literary genre related to course content and speaking experiences. Special attention is given to the creating of a complete outline and support using two or more sources as well as to individual presentation skills. Students concentrate on producing speeches that inform, motivate, entertain, and persuade through the use of impromptu, extemporaneous, memorized, and manuscript delivery. Students develop skills in listening, oral interpretation, parliamentary procedures, research methods, and oral debate.

AMERICAN LITERATURE AB

Two Semesters, 1 Credit Each

Course Nos. 121, 122

Grade Levels: 11,12

Prerequisite: none; students may take one semester or entire year

Description: American Literature provides a survey of the literature produced in the United States from pre-Revolutionary times to the present. This course includes a study of the representative works of various literary genres that reflect the American culture. Students are also provided with the study of a variety of literary genres such as drama, poetry, and prose as well as with Native American folk legends. Influences of classical literature can be experienced in the historical, literary, and cultural contexts. Works of various ethnic and cultural minorities such as African-American writers, women writers, and Native American writers are included as are the works of contemporary writers. Written and oral exercises require students to analyze and explain how their readings of literature, history, and culture are interconnected and distinctly American.

BIBLICAL LITERATURE

One Semester, 1 Credit

Course No. 124

Grade Levels: 11, 12

Prerequisite: none

Description: Biblical Literature surveys the Bible as a source of a wide variety of literary patterns, themes, and conventions. In reading the Bible from a literary stand- point, different books are read in relation to their time—a period lasting over a thousand years. In addition, this course provides a basis for understanding Biblical references (allusions) in both classical and modern