Excel HIGH SCHOOL

English 9 - Course Syllabus

Description:
English 9 is a comprehensive introductory language arts course designed to create effective readers and writers. Students are presented with a wide variety of literary forms including short stories, nonfiction, poetry, drama, and novel excerpts. Through implementation of basic literary analysis skills, students understand and apply strategies to maximize reading comprehension and develop analytical skills. Analytical techniques include making inferences, applying visualization, predicting, and awareness of organizational patterns. Vocabulary development is interwoven in each module page and reading selection. Written literary analysis practice promotes student growth of previous learned writing skills.

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Course objectives:
Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:
- Read, examine, and analyze a variety of literary genres
- Identify literary characteristics of specific genres
- Analyze and identify plot structure, character development, and author's purpose
- Apply literary analysis skills to increase comprehension of a variety of genres
- Compare and contrast works of literature with similar themes
- Acquire new vocabulary identified in reading selections
- Demonstrate written proficiency in literary analysis
- Enhance expository and persuasive writing skills

Contents:

Semester A	Semester B
Unit 1: Elements of Narrative Structure	Unit 6: Rhetorical Analysis
Unit 2: Elements of Characterization	Unit 7: Poetic Form
Unit 3: Setting and Mood	Unit 8: Literary Humor
Unit 4: Literary Theme	Unit 9: Literature and History
Unit 5: Author's Purpose	Unit 10: The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet
	Unit 11: The Odyssey

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

Grade Weighting
Quizzes………………… 40%
Written Assignments……. 30%
Mid-Term and Final Exam. 30%
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