

English 9 CP

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- Ernest Hemingway

units of study:

These are the expected units that we will cover this year in our class. These are subject to change depending upon our class's proficiency of standards, pacing, and teacher/student preferences. Units are designed with the end in mind: What is it we are learning? How are we going to get there? What will we do as we hit road bumps? How will we know when we've mastered it? Our goal is to use a set of driving essential questions built around a variety of texts (novels, poetry, nonfiction, media, speeches, etc.) to showcase proficiency of TN ELA Standards. Most units last throughout the grading term (each 9 weeks); however, there may be overlap and not every text is listed below as we cover current topics.

Unit One: What makes a good story?

- **Texts:** "The Necklace," "The Most Dangerous Game," "Sound of Thunder," student choice short stories, literary excerpts, informational texts, poetry, digital media and visual displays
- **Writing:** narrative, informative/explanatory, informal and formal
- **Standards Focus:** 9-10.W.TTP.3, 9-10.W. TTP.2, 9-10.SL.CC.1, 9-10. All Reading Standards

Unit Two: When should one challenge the beliefs of society?

- **Texts:** *To Kill a Mockingbird*, informational texts, poetry, digital media and visual displays
- **Writing:** Sustained research project, informative/explanatory, argumentative
- **Standards Focus:** 9-10.W.TTP.2, 9-10.SL.CC.3, 9-10. All Reading Standards

Unit Three: Can a dream or vision change the world?

- **Texts:** Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Nobel Prize speeches, Historical/seminal documents, digital media and visual displays, emphasis on TNReady materials and test-taking strategies
- **Writing:** Argumentative, Informative/explanatory, informal and formal
- **Standards Focus:** 9-10.W.TTP.1, 9-10.W. TTP.2, 9-10.SL.CC.2, 9-10.SL.CC.3, 9-10.RI.IK1.8, 9-10. All Reading Standards

Unit Four: Who are we under pressure?

- **Texts:** *Romeo and Juliet*, informational texts, poetry, digital media and visual displays
- **Writing:** Informative/explanatory
- **Standards Focus:** 9-10.W.TTP.2, 9-10.W.RBPK.7, 9-10. All Reading Standards

GRADING:

Grading for this class will be done based on a points system. Points for assignments may vary due to the difficulty and effort required, but they tend to run along the following point range:

Typical Assignment Points:

- Tests & Essays: 80-100+ points
- Projects: 50-100 points
- Quizzes: 20-25 points
- Homework & Classwork: 10-20 points
- Spark of the Day: 5 points a week

Grading scale:

- A = 93-100
- B = 85-92
- C = 75-84
- D = 70-74
- F = 0-69

Individual supplies:

- Binder
- Loose leaf paper
- Writing utensils (pens & pencils)
- Post-its (standard size)
- Highlighters

Classroom supplies:

(not mandatory, but very appreciated):

- Kleenex
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox wipes
- Paper towels
- Dry erase markers
- Extra pencils/paper

Policies and Expectations:

Be on time – You must be in your seat by the time the bell rings. My tardy policy is in correlation with the school policy. For the first three occurrences, you will receive a warning. The fourth and subsequent tardies result in a referral to student affairs, lunch detention, and parent contact.

Be prepared. – You must have all of your supplies every day. Do not interrupt class time to borrow forgotten materials; take care of this issue before the bell by letting the Supply Manager know.

Be respectful – Please use good manners with your peers and with me. Sleeping, putting your head down, and off-topic conversations are considered disrespectful because they distract from learning.

Do YOUR work and let others do theirs – Anyone caught cheating or allowing others to cheat will receive an automatic zero on the assignment and parents will be contacted. Any form of plagiarism is a serious offense that will not be tolerated.

No food or drink, except for clear water.

You are responsible for reading the Student Handbook which contains additional information regarding academics, technology, discipline, and attendance. In addition to my specific classroom rules, you are also subject to all general school policies.

“until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing.”

Harper Lee