

COURSE TITLE: English 9 Honors

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Rigorous	30-60 minutes	District: Successful Completion of English 8 Honors or petition Department Suggestion: Essential academic proficiency in reading and composition fortified with the stamina of a consistent work ethic.

Course Description:

English 9 Honors is the first step in a four-stage sequence of honors level courses in English offered here at Newbury Park High School. The successful completion of each grade level course in honors' English readies students for promotion into our courses for English 10 Honors and English 11 and 12 Higher Level International Baccalaureate classes which also satisfy admission's requirements for our California State and U.C. University systems, as well as, for many private college and universities. Students will explore the traditional and contemporary canons of literature including classic works such as *Of Mice and Men*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet* and *A Tale of Two Cities*. Additional selections of poetry, short stories, essays, articles and supplemental reading will shape the foundation for the development of critical thinking and synthesis skills. This course will also provide opportunities for diverse genre compositions including research, exposition, persuasion, analysis and creative responses, in addition to building vocabulary and polishing grammatical usage mechanics. The benchmark ESLR (Expected Student Learning Result) project for grade 9 English is a research presentational project utilizing a formal outline and the MLA (Modern Language Association) format.

Grading:

Point system 90 – 100 = A; 80-89 = B; 70-79 = C; 60-69 = D; 59 and below = F.

Syllabus:

See Teacher's website

Supplemental Information:

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