Literature and Composition 9 -- Course Requirements 2019

Textbook(s)


Books and Plays

- *To Kill a Mockingbird* – Lee
- *A Step From Heaven* -- An Na
- *A Raisin in the Sun* – Hansberry
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* (Haddon)
- *Romeo and Juliet* -- Shakespeare (in Holt textbook)
- *The Odyssey* – Homer (in Holt textbook)

Course Description

This course approaches literature both thematically and by genre. Major themes are the journey through life, coming of age, and diversity. Some of the focus works read are *To Kill a Mockingbird, Romeo and Juliet, The Odyssey*, and selected short stories and poems. Each unit also includes a variety of literature in addition to the works cited above and a variety of writings pertinent to that unit.

Literary Terminology

At the conclusion of this course students are expected to be proficient in the use of literary terms; these terms will be used to analyze material covered. Novels, as well as poems, short stories, and pieces of non-fiction are studied. Students learn terminology related to these genre and use literary terminology to analyze them. The specific poems, short stories, and non-fiction pieces studied are not as important as knowing the literary terminology and how to use it in approaching these genre. (See the “Literary Terms Handbook” in *Holt Elements of Literature.*)

Grammar, Usage, Syntax, and Mechanics (punctuation)

At the conclusion of this course, students are expected to be proficient in the use of standard syntax, grammar, diction, and punctuation. A review of these subjects is recommended for students hoping to be successful in testing-out of L/C 9. (See “Language Handbook” in *Holt Elements of Literature.*)

Writing

- Analytical essays  (See [OWL@purdue](https://owl.purdue.edu))
- Creative prose/poetry
- Exposition (compare/contrast, cause/effect, pro/con)
- Evaluative essays (applying literary themes to current culture)
- Research projects (MLA format) (See [OWL@purdue](https://owl.purdue.edu))
Note: The testing out exam is objective (60%) and essay (40%), covering the full year’s work in Literature and Composition 9. Required grade calculation for successful testing out is 77% (C+). The duration of the exam will be three hours.
Literature and Composition 10 -- Course Requirements 2019

Textbook(s)


Books and Plays on the Test-out Exam

Of Mice and Men --- John Steinbeck
Much Ado About Nothing --- Wm Shakespeare
Finding Fish --Antwone Fisher
Inherit the Wind --- Lawrence and Lee
Catcher in the Rye --- J.D. Salinger
Lord of the Flies --- William Golding
Brave New World --- Aldous Huxley

Literature Circles  (a variety of novels, not included on the test-out exam)

Course Description

This course focuses on applying and expanding concepts introduced in Literature and Composition 9. Students will be asked to produce a wide variety of written products (including creative, expository, research, and reflective writing). These products will demonstrate an understanding of traditional and contemporary literature as well as modern media. Course texts will include Of Mice and Men and a Shakespearean text (Much Ado About Nothing or Julius Caesar), and other texts and literature circles at the teacher’s discretion.

Literary Terminology

Poetry, short story, and non-fiction are studied. Students learn terminology related to these genre and use literary terminology to analyze them. The specific poems, short stories, and non-fiction pieces studied are not as important as knowing the literary terminology and how to use it in approaching these genre. (See the Literary Terms Handbook in the textbook.)

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