



9th Grade Literature and Composition 2024-2025

Instructor:

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Room 218

Course Description and Objectives:

English Literature and Composition course engages students to carefully read and critical analyze imaginative literature. Through the close reading of selected texts, students deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for the readers. As they read, students consider a work's structure, style and themes, as well as such smaller-scale elements as the figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone."

Unit/Concept Names:

Unit 1- Central Idea

Unit 2- Development of Characters/ Idea

Unit 3- Author's Choices

Unit 4 – Development of Characters/ Idea

Unit 5 – Point of View

Unit 6- Text Analysis

Evaluation (Schoolwide Grading Policy):

- *Minor Grades* = 60% (quizzes, labs, and graded assignments to assess certain standards in a unit of study)
- *Major Grades* = 40% (unit tests, essays, research papers, project-based assignments, and culminating assessments to measure mastery of standards that comprise a unit of study)

Classroom Procedures & Expectations:

The overarching expectation in this class is RESPECT: respect for yourself, respect for other students, respect for the teacher/or any individual in authority, and respect for any guests that may enter our class. Although this encompasses all other expectations, I will outline several others for the sake of clarity.

1. Follow the rules the FIRST time.
2. Respect your classmates and the teacher.
3. Raise your hand before speaking or leaving your seat.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. Adhere to all policies, rules, and regulations outlined in the student handbook, and Laney High School's Norms.



Course Materials

- * 1 - Composition Notebook
- * Spiral Notebook
- * Pencils (mechanical pencils preferred)
- * Handheld pencil sharpener
- * Loose Leaf Paper
- * Coloring Utensils (crayons, coloring pencil, or markers)
- * Highlighters
- * (6) two pocket plastic folders w/ 3 holes
- * Assigned RCBOE Laptop

Donations appreciated for the following (optional):

- * Copy Paper
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Dry Erase Markers
- * Kleenex
- * Disinfectant Wipes

Modes of Communication:

Remind messages

To sign up for class reminders, please send a text to **@81010** and send this message **@k6bk486**.