

ENGLISH 9 AND 10

Department: English/Special Education

General Description of Course:

This is a Subject Specific 9th and 10th grade course in English. Students will study plays, short stories, novels, poetry, and non-fiction, examining and reflecting on the conflicts that have been expressed through literature. Class discussion aims to develop critical thinking skills, knowledge and usage of literary elements, grammar and vocabulary.

Major Topics Covered:

Language

Grammar and usage concepts will be studied, with emphasis on parts of speech and punctuation.

Literature

Short stories, poetry and plays will be studied with emphasis on reading comprehension. Students will learn to identify classic literary techniques and elements and begin to respond through critical analysis.

Composition

Students will write essays which coincide with the literature studied. The students will also develop skills needed to write formal literary essays, as well as expository, persuasive and creative writing pieces.

Literature:

Collection of Short Stories

Romeo & Juliet

Color of Water

Inherit the Wind

To Kill a Mockingbird

Course Requirements:

Minor papers

Quizzes, tests

Vocabulary/Tests

Oral/Power Point presentations

Essays

Department Final Examination

****This course was modified to meet the needs of the class.**