

COURSE NUMBER: HS550
COURSE TITLE: English 9
COURSE LENGTH: Year, Two Credits
PREREQUISITE: None
GRADE LEVEL: 9

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A general survey of literature emphasizing the terms and techniques of short stories, poetry, drama, novels, and non-fiction plus additional instruction in written expression.

COURSE RATIONALE:

Reading and writing skills which are vital to the 9th grade learner and establish the foundation for future English courses at Denison High School compose the basic elements of this course. To be successful at this level and subsequently at progressive levels, the student must be an active participant in his/her education by completing assigned work and contributing to class discussion.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

Journals, writing and reading assignments, study guides, and quizzes/ tests taught through lecture-discussion and cooperative groups.

ASSESSMENT:

Based on tests, quizzes, class participation, and daily work (written and oral).

CRITICAL OBJECTIVES:

1. to review written communication skills
2. to enhance written communication skills
3. to encourage and develop literary enrichment
4. to develop improved reading habits, increase vocabulary skills, develop an appreciation for literature
5. to improve writing skills through sentence and paragraph development
6. to become familiar with all the types of resources available in the I.M.C.
7. to develop an understanding of four major essay types
8. to build on basic writing skills through personal writing experiences-creative writing, journal writing, and expository writing