

English 9: Multigenre Literature

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The English 9 study of literature will challenge students to examine various literary genres in order to understand literary terms and vocabulary and to analyze and acquire skills necessary for effective leadership.

This course also advances the study of written and spoken communication skills. Grammar and usage concepts will be reviewed and discussed in relation to how they impact student writing. Prewriting, drafting, peer editing, and revising will be a primary focus of the school year so as to produce competent writers.

What makes this course different from any other English 9 course is that students will focus their examination of the literature around themes outlined by Article IV in the Center for Leadership and International Relations Constitution. This article lists four cornerstones, which represent four core components that students will consider throughout their course of study. The cornerstones are

♣Perspective

♣Communication

♣Ethics

♣Service.

In addition to these cornerstones, students will also examine the importance of attitude, critical thinking, and diplomacy in relation to situations and conflicts presented in literature. They should challenge themselves to apply the knowledge acquired in their Leadership World History and in their Perspectives classes to their study of various characters, settings, and themes in literature. They will also examine how the reading of these works might impact national and international leaders and the decisions they make.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Critical Thinking, Listening, Oral Communication, Problem Solving, Reading, Research, Technology, Writing

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“ Success is never final, **failure** is never fatal. It's courage that counts”- John Wooden

Mrs. Strittmatter firmly believes that students need to be willing to understand that from failure comes growth. Since she was a student at James River, she aspired to become an English teacher. Getting the opportunity to help shape the minds and lives of youth is something that Mrs. Strittmatter looks forward to everyday.

After graduating from James River High School, Mrs. Strittmatter attended Virginia Tech, earning a Bachelor's of Arts in English and continued her education to earn a Master's in English Education. After moving to Colorado for two years, she decided to return to Virginia with her husband and dog, Hokie.