

## Rationale

This senior class hones student reading and analytical skills necessary for success in college. The student gains experience reading and analyzing various genres with college level standards of evaluation.

## Course Description

This course is designed to challenge the college-bound student who is striving to improve reading and analytical skills. The course includes the following genres of literature: novel, short story, poetry, drama and film.

## Prerequisites

English I, II, and III

## Course Objectives

1. The student will participate in formal and informal oral discussion and presentations, including Socratic Seminars, collaborative projects, and student-led class dialogues, analyze speaker's purpose, as well as focus on speaking skills including tone, volume, eye contact, etc., and complete a minimum of one developed, formal multi-media presentation. (A+ Speaking and Listening)
2. The student will engage regularly in academic and personal research, distinguish among sources based on quality, practice academic honesty, utilize style guides (including MLA), and produce a minimum of three formal researched products such as essays, presentations, projects, etc. (A+ Research)
3. The student will read daily, including a required anchor text of substance (such as a novel, memoir, informational text) of sufficient text complexity to prepare students for college-level texts, with a minimum expectation of 75 pages of reading per week (including research). (A+ Reading)
4. The student will write daily (including journaling, creative pieces, summary, short response, etc.), engage in the writing process (including pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, and conferencing with the teacher), with a minimum expectation of 3-4 finished pieces of substance produced each semester (such as essay, narrative, argument, script, etc.). (A+ Writing)
5. The student will read, discuss and analyze prose, poetry, drama and film by evaluating and comparing works as well as identifying connections with history and culture. (A+ Reading)

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