

## 9th Grade Lit/Comp Syllabus

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Villa Rica High School

2024-2025

### Course Description:

Welcome to 9th Grade Literature! This course will develop student understanding of different genres of literature. We will explore a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts and analyze how themes in literature relate to contemporary life. We will also produce cohesive and well-developed writing that reflects knowledge of the literature and literary devices, as well as awareness of audience and purpose using careful research, clear claims, and relevant evidence.

### Grading:

- ★ 50% Formative Assignments
  - Daily Work
  - Bellwork and Exit Tickets
  - Class Discussions
  - Vocabulary Practice
  - Literary Terms and Grammar Work
- ★ 50% Summative Assignments
  - Projects
  - Short Constructed Responses
  - Extended Constructed Responses
  - Quizzes/Tests

### Supplies:

- ★ Notebook or binder with loose leaf paper
- ★ Folder or binder to store handouts
- ★ Blue or black ink pens
- ★ Pencils
- ★ Highlighters
- ★ Sticky notes
- ★ Earbuds (accommodations only)

### Make-up/Late Work:

- ★ According to the Student Handbook, you have three days to complete late assignments from an EXCUSED absence. Special circumstances may be taken into account. Please see me if you need additional time to complete make-up assignments.
- ★ All assignments will be available either on Google Classroom, or in the late work folder in class. So, please check there for anything you missed as well.
- ★ Late work (unexcused absence/late turn-in) results in a 10% reduction of the work completed.
- ★ All work must be turned in during the month in which it is assigned. After the month is over, the assignment will remain a zero.
- ★ If effort is given on an assignment, the minimum grade will be 50% of total points.
- ★ If work is not turned in OR it is evident that effort was not given, then the assignment will be marked as "missing" or a "0."
- ★ A note on cheating/ plagiarizing: Cheating/ plagiarizing will be counted as a zero, and you will have the opportunity to redo the assignment. Some points are always better than no points (even if you don't finish an assignment).
  - **This includes and extends to the unauthorized use of AI for classroom assignments.**

### Expectations:

- ★ Be kind. Be good.
- ★ Be on time & prepared to learn.
- ★ Give what you expect and want to receive.
- ★ Be responsible for your education and actions.
- ★ Respect your classmates and their education
- ★ Remain professional in your dress, language, and behavior.
- ★ Cell phones need to be put in the pockets at all times, at the start of class
- ★ Follow the WildC.A.T.S. Way!

**Cell Phone Policy:**

This class will abide by the school cell phone policy as outlined in the VRHS student handbook, as such the set out rules and consequences will be enforced. Students are expected to put their phones inside their assigned phone pocket at the beginning of class and retrieve it only as they exit the classroom at the end of class. Should the student not comply with this and persist on their cell phone during class, one verbal warning will be given for the student to put their phone away, then a disciplinary write-up will be issued if the problem arises again.

**2024-2025 Google Classroom Codes:**

1st period: wsg3ekr

3rd period: iobodhx

4th period: reiksvv

5th period: irlbiqq

6th period: 5vzo57p

7th period: gvldwgo

**Units and Paired Texts**

(Texts are subject to change)

**Unit 1:** Mythology and Short Fiction (*Medusa and Persephone Myths, The Odyssey*)

**Unit 2:** Nonfiction (*The Other Wes Moore*)

**Unit 3:** Poetry and Drama (*Romeo and Juliet*)

**Unit 4:** Dystopian Literature (*Divergent, The Marrow Thieves, Fahrenheit 451, Ugliest*)

**Leaving Class:**

Students are expected to take care of as much out-of-class business as possible during class change. As per the Villa Rica High School wide policy, students are not allowed to leave class during the first 15 minutes of class, or the last 10 minutes of class. In the time frame in between, students will be required to make an E-Hall Pass to their requested location, which must be approved by Mr. Ivie. Generally, only one student will be allowed out of the room at one time, and only necessary exits will be allowed.

**Dress Code and Hats:**

Students are expected to adhere to all expectations and elements of the VRHS dress code policy as outlined in the student handbook, this includes that students are not allowed to wear hats, hoods, toboggans or other head coverings unless for religious reasons. This is important for school safety and the ability to quickly and accurately identify persons in the building.

**Tardies:**

This class will abide by the school tardy policy as outlined in the VRHS student handbook. Students not inside the classroom when the tardy bell rings are late. If a student is tardy, they are expected to report to the tardy kiosk at the corner of the 100 and 500 hall and get a tardy pass to be admitted to class.

**Tutoring:**

Tutoring is offered Monday-Thursday until 4:00pm. Students may sign up for tutoring with Mr. Ivie in person or via email with at least 24 hours notice. However, tutoring will not be offered for students who do not exhibit effort in class.

**Technology:**

Students will need his/her CHARGED chromebook/laptop every day for my class. If your chromebook loses battery quickly or throughout the day, you will be expected to have your charger with you. Failure to bring chromebook/laptop to class will result in inability to complete assignment(s) and late points deducted when assignments are turned in.

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*Once you have reviewed the syllabus, please scan the QR code to fill out the Student-Parent Syllabus Sign-off Google Form. Thank you so much! -Mr. Ivie*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

# Student/Guardian Syllabus Agreement

By signing on this page, you and your parent or guardian state that you have read through the **9th Grade Literature Syllabus** and agree to the rules, policies, and restrictions of this class. Please note that you will be held accountable for all of the information provided to you here.

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Student Name (Printed)

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Student Signature

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Date

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Guardian Name (Printed)

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Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I prefer to be contacted via:      text      email      phone

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*A note to parents: Please be aware that the syllabus is posted to your student's Google Classroom if you ever need to reference it. I look forward to a great school year!**