

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English

### Knowledge Content

The focus of this course is on application of language through reading, writing, speaking and drama using real life texts and resources. Four pieces of literature introduce students to genre and appreciation and understanding of literary techniques, non-literary, media texts eg. advertising, newspapers, diaries, journals, letters, introduce students real life language applications. Contemporary drama based on social issues for this age introduce students to relevant regional works. Oral presentations eg. formal, informal, persuasive and expository helps students develop speaking skills for real audiences. Students improve and widen their vocabulary. Technology is incorporated into the course through use of laptops and interactive white boards.

### Skills Content

The Student will develop:

- Grammar skills including identifying parts of speech and complete sentences
- The ability to write clear oral and written presentations and essays
- Agility with the writing process from brainstorming through publishing a final draft of a coherent, well-reasoned and mechanically correct essay
- The ability to write for purpose and audience
- Close reading strategies to understand and respond to literature in various genre, including poetry, novels, drama and non-fiction
- The ability to respond intelligently to various genre of literature on the factual, personal, and interpretative levels
- The ability to prepare and present orally in an organised, lively and creative manner.

### Assessment

- Six traits for writing assignments
- Tests and quizzes
- Essays and speeches
- Homework
- Observed participation in class activities.

### Examinations

Examinations mid-year and end of year.

### Resources

- *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- *Inherit the Wind*
- *The Odyssey*
- "Chatroom" (drama)
- Various selected readings from *Literature and Language*, (McDougall and Little)
- *Write Source*, (Houghton Mifflin Company)
- Non-literary media genres.

### Prerequisites

Completion of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English.

### Credits

**One Credit.**