

# Ninth Grade Honors Frequently Asked Questions

What will we be reading in class?

*This year we will be reading a wide variety of short stories, poems, and non-fiction pieces in addition to larger works such as: Animal Farm, A Raisin in the Sun, Romeo and Juliet, and The Odyssey. These reading selections may change depending on what students have already read or studied in previous English classes.*

What will we be writing in class?

*You will be producing various types of writing in this class: narrative, persuasive, expository, and research-based.*

Will I have lots of homework?

*Occasionally. Most of your homework will probably be reading so that we can discuss the pieces in class and dig deeper together. Any classwork that you do not complete during class must be completed for homework and turned in the following day.*

Will I have a textbook?

*Yes. Numbers permitting, you will have a textbook of your own. It is the green Prentice Hall literature book. We will also have a class set of textbooks. When we read a novel or a play, I will have a class set of the book that we will read in class. You are, of course, welcome to purchase or check out your own copy of the book if you'd like one to take home. I will try to give you some notice so that you can order books online if you choose to do so. Amazon.com and half.com often have great prices on books.*

Do I have to lug this heavy textbook to and from class every day?

*No. Because we will have a class set of the textbooks in the room, you will take your textbook home and leave it there until the end of the school year. But don't lose it; those books cost \$65, and I'm sure you can think of better ways to spend that money.*

What about summer reading?

*Great question! Yes, you are required to do summer reading. You should have received a pamphlet detailing the summer reading requirements for Jenkins High School. (If not, I should have some extra copies to share, or it is available on the Jenkins High School website.) You are to read three of the books for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and Composition. The complete list is available on the district website. Read it carefully and you'll see that there is a loophole that allows a student to read any book within his lexile range.*

*If you are having trouble finding these books in the library, check the school library and half.com, where you can buy books at very discounted prices.*

Will we have lots of tests?

*You will have a good number of assessments, but those will not necessarily be tests. You will have papers, projects, quizzes, tests, speeches, and other performance tasks that will count as tests in the gradebook. If it seems like we need it, we will have weekly spelling quizzes.*

How can I contact you?

*The best way to get in touch with me is through email. My email address is [Amanda.feldmann@sccps.com](mailto:Amanda.feldmann@sccps.com). I can't always get into my school email (particularly late at night), so if it's urgent, you can email me at home at [Amanda.eakle@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.eakle@gmail.com). You can also call me at the school at 395-6300 ext. 729012.*

What if I'm absent?

*If you're absent, you will need to talk to me when you return to class to find out what assignments you'll need to make up. If you happen to be absent for a number of days, I would encourage you to call or email me so that I can send you assignments. That way you won't be as far behind upon your return.*

Do we have an End of Course Test?

*Yes you do. The EOCT will be in the spring, and it will count for 20% of your final grade in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and Composition. But don't worry. You'll be well prepared for it.*

Will I have to worry about the graduation tests?

*No. The only one you'll have to take is the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test, however. You will take the writing test at the beginning of your junior year, and you must pass it to graduate. But don't worry about that, either. You'll be well prepared.*

Can I eat in class?

*Not unless I gave you the food.*

Will you take my cell phone from me if I'm texting in class?

*I sure will. Don't have your phone out in class unless I've specifically given you permission to be using electronic devices. If you need to make a phone call during class, you may ask for permission and I'll let you use the phone in the classroom. If you're texting, snapchatting, FaceTiming, or using your phone in any other unauthorized way, prepare for that phone to belong to me.*

What supplies will I need for class?

*You will need a pen (I don't care what color ink as long as it's easy to read), a #2 pencil for testing, a 3-ring binder, college-ruled notebook paper, and 10 dividers for your notebook.*

When is tutorial?

*Tutorial will be on Monday afternoons from 3:00-3:30, and by request.*

***I'm excited about this school year and looking forward to meeting you. Get ready! We're going to hit the ground running!***