



NORTHGATE ACADEMY

English 9 - Course Syllabus

Description:

English 9 is a comprehensive introductory language arts course designed to create effective readers and writers while guiding students with practical skills and wisdom they can use in their Christian lives. Students are presented with a wide variety of literary forms including passages from the Bible, short stories, nonfiction, poetry, drama, and novel excerpts. Through the implementation of basic literary analysis skills, students understand and apply strategies to maximize reading comprehension and develop analytical skills. Analytical techniques include making inferences, applying visualization, predicting, and developing an awareness of organizational patterns. Each module includes lessons about vocabulary skills; writing techniques and styles, including the Writing Process; and grammar, usage, and mechanics. Written literary analysis practice promotes student growth of previously learned writing skills.

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Course objectives:

- Read, examine and analyze a variety of literary genres
- Identify literary characteristics of specific genres
- Analyze and identify plot structure, character development, and author's purpose
- Apply literary analysis skills to increase comprehension of a variety of genres
- Compare and contrast works of literature with similar themes
- Acquire new vocabulary identified in reading selections
- Demonstrate written proficiency in literary analysis
- Enhance informative and persuasive writing skills
- Recognize and analyze mass media techniques
- Acquire and apply the rules of grammar, usage, and mechanics

Contents:

Semester A

Module 1: The Elements of Literature

Module 2: The Language of Literature

Module 3: The Message of Literature

Semester B

Module 4: Informational & Persuasive Style

Module 5: Elements of Mass Media

Module 6: Elements of Drama

Grading Scale

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = under 59%

Grade Weighting

Quizzes..... 40%

Written Assignments..... 30%

Mid-Term and Final Exam 30%

100%