

**COURSE TITLE:** English 9 CP

| Level of Difficulty | Estimated Homework | Prerequisites   |
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| Moderate            | 30-60 minutes      | <b>District:</b><br>None<br><b>Department Suggestion:</b><br>None |

**Course Description:**

This course provides Freshmen students with the initial skills needed to succeed in the Language Arts curriculum throughout the balance of their high school career. Students will develop research skills through the research paper based on *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and use these skills as a springboard to the more rigorous research papers they will have to write throughout their high school careers. They will also learn how to read and break down poetry, understand concepts, themes and underlying issues within the literature, and develop their writing and analytical skills through multiple drafts during the course of essays and other various in class writings. Finally, students will learn how to develop an argument and support it through oral presentations and individual speeches.

**Grading:**

Percentage Scale, with 90% the lowest A, 80% lowest B, 70% lowest C, 60% lowest D and below 60% Fail

**Syllabus:**

An important factor in learning is the completion of ALL work. Work will be assigned in class everyday, and homework will be assigned up to five days a week. Tests and quizzes will be specifically on what is assigned. There will be no surprises! Therefore, it is highly suggested that your child consistently review his/her notes and class work. The assignments are given in accordance with the Conejo Valley Unified School District updated standards for English and are set forth by the state of California. This year, we will be studying *The Odyssey* by Homer, which includes discussion and breakdown of the epic hero and poetry, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck, including an essay on character development, *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare including understanding Shakespearean language, meaning and rhyme and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, which will incorporate a research paper based on issues and themes from the novel and will teach students research skills as well as other related assignments, including poetry, short stories, other related essays, an outside reading project, and oral presentations (including a speech).

**Supplemental Information:**

UC subject area "b"