

Ridge High School Academic Planning Night Language Arts Offerings & Options

Grades 10 - 12

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GRADE 10 LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE OPTIONS (meets graduation requirements)

The Voices of American Literature

Examines the temperament, humor, work ethic and social mores that define our national identity

American Literature Honors

Analyzes the development of American Literature through literary movements (Romanticism, Realism, Modernism, Postmodernism, Magical Realism)



GRADE 11 LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE OPTIONS (meets graduation requirements)

BRITISH LITERATURE

Surveys British Literature, from the 7th century through the 20th.
Fosters an appreciation of British culture and its influences on 21st
century society

HONORS BRITISH LITERATURE

College-level survey of British Literature,
focusing on literary analysis and critical
approaches to literature

AP 11: LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION

Reading & writing within modes of exposition,
analysis, & argumentation; application of
stylistic devices; some British Literature



GRADE 12 LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE OPTIONS (meets graduation requirements)

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

American & Commonwealth literature from the past 50 years focusing on values & dilemmas unique to the 20th & 21st centuries

HONORS POSTMODERN WORLD LITERATURE

Explores the literature of the Americas, Asia, Middle East and Europe that was written from 1945 through the first decade of the 21st century.

AP 12: LITERATURE & COMPOSITION

College-level critical analysis and exposition of significant literature (poetry, drama & fiction)



ALL STUDENTS IN REQUIRED LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES:

- COMPLETE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS
- CONDUCT RESEARCH PROJECTS
- ENCOUNTER READING, WRITING, SPEAKING, LISTENING & VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES
- READ MAJOR WORKS OF LITERATURE
- WRITE REGULARLY, MAINTAIN WRITING PORTFOLIOS, AND REFLECT ON THEIR PROGRESS AS WRITERS



Honors Criteria: Grades 10-12

Enrollment in Honors and Advanced Placement Courses for students entering grades 10, 11, and 12 will be dependent upon student performance.

Students who are enrolled in an honors course may enroll in a subsequent honors or AP course if they:

- 1) EARN a final grade of "B-" or better in the current honors course.
- 2) EARN a final grade of "A-" or better in the current college prep course.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES

- Does my student enjoy reading & essay writing?
- Can my student manage time well and work independently?
- Is my student curious about literature and its many forms?
- How will the demands of this course fit in with my student's curricular and extracurricular schedule next year?



LANGUAGE ARTS ELECTIVES

(semester courses – do not meet graduation requirements)

- **Creative Writing**
- **Writer's Workshop**
- **Communication for Classroom, College & Career**
- **Forensic Speaking** (debate, public, oral interpretation)



Elective Prerequisites

- **Creative Writing**
Final grade of “B” or better in previous Language Arts course
- **Writer’s Workshop**
Final grade of “B” or better in previous Language Arts course
- **Communication for Classroom, College & Career**
None
- **Forensic Speaking**
None

