

Broad Run High School English 9

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**Writing Lab 7th block (C lunch) RM 13

Welcome to English 9!

English 9 is a literature and writing course with specific standards set by the State of Virginia. Students will begin with the basics of the writing process and move into more detailed essays through portfolio compilation and development. Students will be introduced to the research process, using online resources and databases, and will produce an MLA documentation style research paper. Students will read, interpret, and analyze a variety of literature from several genres, including short stories, novels, non-fiction, poetry, epics, and drama. Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to.

- understand the importance of all the steps of the writing process.
- recognize the characteristics of narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive writing.
- compose detailed and organized narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive essays.
- distinguish between the literary genres.
- discuss literature using a specialized literary vocabulary.
- appreciate and understand the purpose behind the choices authors make when they write.
- understand plagiarism and its consequences.
- document original research using Modern Language Association guidelines.
- reflect upon, and recognize the development of his/her writing by compiling a writing portfolio.

Supplies Needed:

- 1" Binder with dividers
- Paper
- Composition Notebook
- Pen, pencil, highlighter
- USB flash drive

Expectations:

Prepared. All students are expected to come prepared to class all necessary supplies.

Timely. All students are expected to be seated and ready to start when the bell rings. School policy will be followed.

Respectful. Every student needs to create a safe, respectful environment where people can participate without fear of being ridiculed or laughed at.

Cleanliness. All students contribute to the classroom environment, including the cleanliness of the room. Students are expected to throw away their garbage.

Cell phones, iPods, and other electronic devices are **not allowed** in the classroom; therefore, they should be kept silent and out of sight or will be confiscated.

All school policies will be enforced in this course. Refer to the student handbook and familiarize yourself with expectations.

Please complete the following information after reading through the syllabus.

Student's name:

Student's signature:

Parent/Guardian's name & relation to the student:

Parent/Guardian signature:

Phone number:

Email address:
