

Wyoming Department of Education Required Virtual Education Course Syllabus

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Program Name	WYCA	Content Area	Language Arts
Course ID	CALA74656	Grade Level	9, 10, 11, 12
Course Name	Honors English 9 A	# of Credits	0.5
SCED Code	01001H0.5012	Curriculum Type	Connections Academy

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is the first of two courses that comprise Honors English 9. In this course, the student will take an in-depth look at a variety of literature selections. In reading these diverse selections, the student will gain a thorough understanding of fiction and nonfiction genres, including short stories, essays, poetry, and drama. The student will also read Stephen Crane's -The Red Badge of Courage-. This selection enables the student to explore universal themes and make connections between the characters' experiences and his own. Harper Lee's -To Kill a Mockingbird- may be read instead of -The Red Badge of Courage-. Writing instruction focuses on analytical and expository writing but also provides opportunities for the student to write creatively. The Honors course includes more rigorous curriculum and provides greater opportunities for students to explore concepts, engage in independent research, and demonstrate critical thinking skills.

WYOMING CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

RL.9-10.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
RL.9-10.2	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.
RL.9-10.3	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
RL.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).
RL.9-10.5	Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.
RL.9-10.6	Analyze a particular point of view or cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature.
RL.9-10.7	Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums, including what is emphasized or absent in each treatment (e.g., Auden's "Musée des Beaux Arts" and Breughel's <i>Landscape with the Fall of Icarus</i>).
RL.9-10.9	Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work (e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare).
RL.9-10.10	By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
RI.9-10.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
RI.9-10.2	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.
RI.9-10.3	Analyze how the author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the connections that are drawn between them.
RI.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).
RI.9-10.5	Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).
RI.9-10.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.
RI.9-10.7	Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person's life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.
RI.9-10.8	Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning.
RI.9-10.9	Analyze seminal U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, the Gettysburg Address, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.
RI.9-10.10	By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 9–10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
W.9-10.1	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
W.9-10.1.a	a. Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
W.9-10.1.b	b. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
W.9-10.1.c	c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
W.9-10.1.d	d. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
W.9-10.1.e	e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
W.9-10.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
W.9-10.2.a	a. Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
W.9-10.2.b	b. Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
W.9-10.2.c	c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
W.9-10.2.d	d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
W.9-10.2.e	e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
W.9-10.2.f	f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
W.9-10.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
W.9-10.3.a	a. Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.
W.9-10.3.b	b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
W.9-10.3.c	c. Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
W.9-10.3.d	d. Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
W.9-10.3.e	e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.
W.9-10.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
W.9-10.5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10 on page 54.)
W.9-10.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
W.9-10.7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
W.9-10.8	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
W.9-10.9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

W.9-10.9.a	a. Apply <i>grades 9–10 Reading standards</i> to literature (e.g., “Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work [e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare]”).
W.9-10.9.b	b. Apply <i>grades 9–10 Reading standards</i> to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning”).
W.9-10.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
SL.9-10.1	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
SL.9-10.1.a	a. Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.
SL.9-10.1.b	b. Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
SL.9-10.1.c	c. Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
SL.9-10.1.d	d. Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
SL.9-10.2	Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
SL.9-10.3	Evaluate a speaker’s point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.
SL.9-10.4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.
SL.9-10.5	Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.
SL.9-10.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grades 9–10 Language standards 1 and 3 on pages 54 for specific expectations.)
L.9-10.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
L.9-10.1.b	b. Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
L.9-10.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
L.9-10.2.a	a. Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.
L.9-10.2.b	b. Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.
L.9-10.2.c	c. Spell correctly.
L.9-10.3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
L.9-10.3.a	a. Write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g., <i>MLA Handbook</i> , <i>Turabian’s Manual for Writers</i>) appropriate for the discipline and writing type.
L.9-10.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grades 9–10 reading and content</i> , choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
L.9-10.4.a	a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
L.9-10.4.b	b. Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., <i>analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy</i>).
L.9-10.4.c	c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.
L.9-10.4.d	d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
L.9-10.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
L.9-10.5.a	a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.
L.9-10.5.b	b. Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.
L.9-10.6	Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT OUTLINE	STANDARD#	OUTCOMES
<p>Unit 1: Growing Up</p> <p>In this unit, you will analyze fiction, nonfiction, and poetry selections focused on the theme of growing up. As you read, you will apply active reading strategies, such as making inferences and forming personal connections with the text. You will also learn to understand and analyze elements of prose and poetry, such as point of view, character, setting, symbolism, and metaphor. Throughout the unit, you will also learn strategies for learning new vocabulary, such as understanding word roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Grammar instruction will focus on reviewing the eight parts of speech. Finally, you will develop your writing skills as you create a personal narrative.</p>	<p>RL.9-10.1, RL.9-10.3, RL.9-10.4, RL.9-10.5, RL.9-10.6, RL.9-10.9, RL.9-10.10</p> <p>RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.4, RI.9-10.6</p> <p>W.9-10.1d, W.9-10.2, W.9-10.2.a, W.9-10.2.d, W.9-10.2.e, W.9-10.3,, W.9-10.3.a, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.5, W.9-10.6</p> <p>SL.9-10.4, SL.9-10.6</p> <p>L.9-10.1, L.9-10.2, L.9-10.4, L.9-10.4.b, L.9-10.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Understand and analyze fiction and nonfiction narratives and poetry •Apply a variety of active reading strategies •Learn and apply strategies for developing vocabulary •Learn elements of grammar, usage, and style, focusing on the parts of speech •Use the writing process to compose a personal narrative
<p>Unit 2: The Forces of Nature</p> <p>In this unit, you will analyze fiction, nonfiction, and poetry selections about the natural world, with a focus on nonfiction selections. As you read, you will apply active reading strategies such as analyzing details and using text features and graphics to understand informational texts. You will also learn to understand and analyze elements of prose and poetry such as imagery, irony, figurative language, and text structure. Throughout the unit, you will also learn strategies for learning new vocabulary, with a focus on using context clues and understanding multiple-meaning words. Grammar instruction will focus on understanding the components of a sentence and using different sentence types. Finally, you will develop your writing skills as you create a descriptive essay.</p>	<p>RL.9-10.4, RL.9-10.5, RL.9-10.10, RI.9-10.1,</p> <p>RI.9-10.2, RI.9-10.3, RI.9-10.4, RI.9-10.5, RI.9-10.6, RI.9-10.7, RI.9-10.9, RI.9-10.10</p> <p>W.9-10.1, W.9-10.1a, W.9-10.1c, W.9-10.2, W.9-10.2.a, W.9-10.3, W.9-10.3.a, W.9-10.3.c, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.5, W.9-10.8, W.9-10.9b, W.9-10.10</p> <p>L.9-10.1, L.9-10.2, L.9-10.3, L.9-10.3.a, L.9-10.4, L.9-10.4.a, L.9-10.4.d, L.9-10.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Understand and analyze fiction, nonfiction, and poetry •Apply a variety of active reading strategies for understanding nonfiction •Learn and apply strategies for developing vocabulary •Learn elements of grammar, usage, and style, focusing on the sentence base •Use the writing process to compose a descriptive essay

<p>Unit 3: The Call of the Wild Jack London's <i>The Call of the Wild</i> follows the journey of Buck, a magnificent St. Bernard/Scotch shepherd dog, as he is kidnapped from comfortable surroundings and thrown into the harsh frontier life of the 1897 gold rush in the arctic North. You will read of how he not only adapts to new conditions but also awakens to ancient instincts as he triumphs despite and amidst the new challenges of his changing environment. In this unit, you will identify and analyze literary elements, discover new vocabulary terms, and use comprehension strategies to make connections and draw conclusions.</p>	<p>RL.9-10.1, RL.9-10.2, RL.9-10.3, RL.9-10.4, RL.9-10.5, RL.9-10.6, RL.9-10.7, RL.9-10.9, RL.9-10.10 RI.9-10.2, RI.9-10.3, RI.9-10.4, RI.9-10.5, RI.9-10.7, RI.9-10.10 W.9-10.3, W.9-10.3.b, W.9-10.5 L.9-10.1, L.9-10.2, L.9-10.2.c, L.9-10.4.a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Develop and apply effective comprehension strategies •Read and analyze the text, then respond to questions •Analyze relationships between and among characters, setting, and events •Define new vocabulary and identify words in context
<p>Unit 4: Other Worlds In this unit, you will read and analyze works of science fiction that depict imaginary worlds. Additionally, you will read essays that explore how science fiction and video games have influenced our culture. As you read, you will continue to apply active reading strategies, such as analyzing details and summarizing, to help prepare you to critique these texts. You will analyze how the elements of short stories are used in the science-fiction genre and compare stories within this genre before writing a critical response to a short story. Throughout the unit, you will also learn strategies for understanding scientific and technical vocabulary in context. Grammar instruction will focus on using punctuation correctly and following standard conventions for using italics and quotation marks.</p>	<p>RL.9-10.1, RL.9-10.2, RL.9-10.3, RL.9-10.4, RL.9-10.5, RL.9-10.7, RL.9-10.9, RL.9-10.10 RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.2, RI.9-10.3, RI.9-10.4 W.9-10.2, W.9-10.2.b, W.9-10.2.d, W.9-10.3, W.9-10.3.b, W.9-10.3.c, W.9-10.3.e, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.5, W.9-10.8 L.9-10.1, L.9-10.2, L.9-10.3, L.9-10.3.a, L.9-10.4.a, L.9-10.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Understand and analyze science fiction selections and related literature from other genres •Apply a variety of active reading strategies •Learn and apply strategies for developing vocabulary •Learn elements of grammar, usage, and style, focusing on punctuation •Use the writing process to compose a critical response to literature
<p>Unit 5: Crossing Borders In this unit, you will read and analyze works of fiction and nonfiction that explore the theme of crossing borders. These borders may be physical—for instance, the geographical borders between two countries—or psychological. You will apply active reading strategies such as making predictions, understanding text structures, and understanding the author's purpose. You will analyze writers' use of figurative language, dialect, and tone, as well as their techniques for developing conflict. As part of your exploration of the theme of crossing borders, you will write an informational essay about a cultural tradition. Throughout the unit, you will also practice the strategies for understanding vocabulary that you have learned throughout the semester. Grammar instruction will focus on phrases and clauses.</p>	<p>RL.9-10.2, RL.9-10.3, RL.9-10.4, RL.9-10.5, RL.9-10.7, RL.9-10.9, RL.9-10.10 RI.9-10.1, RI.9-10.3, RI.9-10.4 W.9-10.2, W.9-10.2.c, W.9-10.3.d, W.9-10.3.e, W.9-10.4, W.9-10.5, W.9-10.7, W.9-10.8, W.9-10.8 SL.9-10.1.b, SL.9-10.1.c, SL.9-10.1.d, SL.9-10.6 L.9-10.1, L.9-10.1.b, L.9-10.2, L.9-10.3, L.9-10.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Understand and analyze fiction and nonfiction selections with common themes •Apply a variety of active reading strategies •Learn and apply strategies for developing vocabulary •Learn elements of grammar, usage, and style, focusing on phrases and clauses •Use the writing process to compose an informational essay