

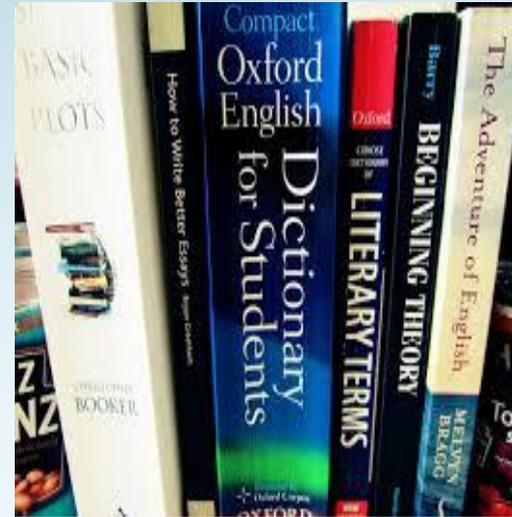
INCOMING 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

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English Program



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**HONORS
ENGLISH I**

2

**ACADEMIC
ENGLISH I**

3

ENGLISH I





Transitional English for the Nonnative Speaker

- ❑ **This course is for students who have recently exited the middle school ELL program.**
- ❑ **It is not an ESL course.**
- ❑ **This basic skills course is a transition course that helps students to improve their English language skills while studying literature. It is a 5 credit course.**
- ❑ **Students will receive instruction in reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing.**
- ❑ **At the end of the course, the teacher will recommend the next appropriate English level. This course may be taken in addition to a skills lab.**

DIFFERENCES



LITERATURE and NON FICTION STUDIED BEYOND THE CORE

PACING OF THE COURSE

**ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS
(WRITING, HOMEWORK, TESTS,
PROJECTS, OUTSIDE READING)**

**HONORS MUST BE INDEPENDENT,
SELF-MOTIVATED LEARNERS**

SKILLS REQUIRED

**WHAT IS THE
CRITERIA USED
IN PLACEMENT
FOR FRESHMAN
ENGLISH
&
SOCIAL STUDIES?**



English & Social Studies Placement Criteria

- ❖ An average of literature & language or social studies grade
- ❖ Mid-year timed writing assessment
- ❖ Mid-year literature assessment
- ❖ Informational multiple choice comprehension assessment
- ❖ Teacher checklist

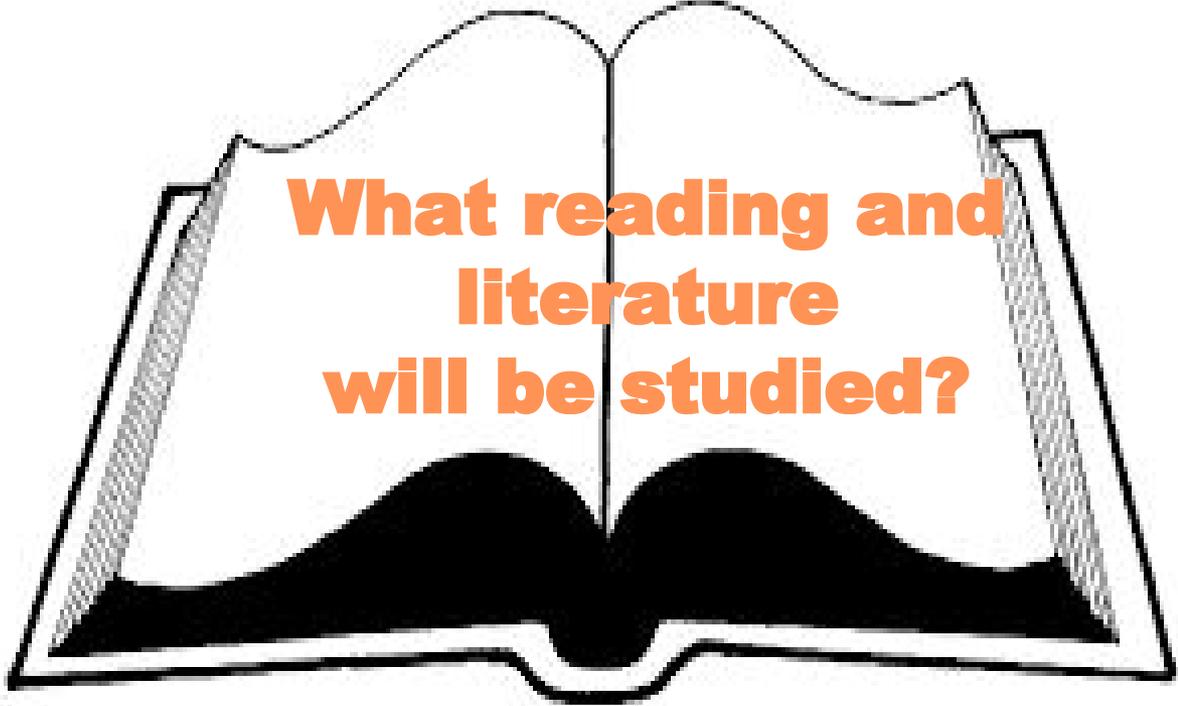
MULTIPLE MEASURES

A student's proficiency in:

- ❖ comprehension,
- ❖ analysis,
- ❖ synthesis,
- ❖ application,
- ❖ writing mechanics,
- ❖ along with checklist of a student's on-going performance in class.

What makes up the teacher's checklist?

- ✓ Completes assignments thoroughly and accurately
- ✓ Meets deadlines
- ✓ Demonstrates listening skills
- ✓ Participates proactively in class discussions
- ✓ Demonstrates ability to analyze literature and support an argument
- ✓ Demonstrates mastery of grammar and mechanics in writing
- ✓ Motivated independent worker



**What reading and
literature
will be studied?**

Major Works of Core Literature

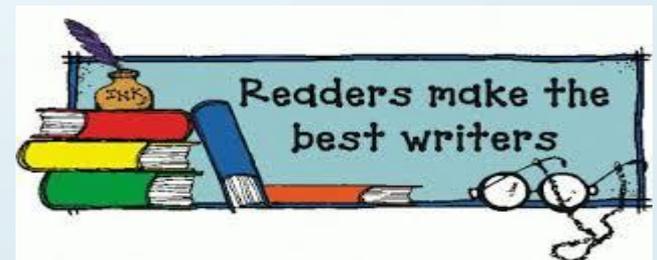
English I	Academic English I	Honors English I
Raisin in Sun	Raisin in Sun	Jane Eyre
Romeo & Juliet	Romeo & Juliet	Julius Caesar
The Odyssey	The Odyssey	Raisin in Sun
Short Stories	Separate Peace	Romeo & Juliet
Poetry	Short Stories	Separate Peace
	Poetry	Tale of Two Cities
		The Odyssey
		Poetry

What are the requirements for the Summer Reading Assignment?



•Reading task of 1 or more books. Assignment due on the first day of school. A Writing assessment to be given within the first month of school.

•Book choices and assignment will be on district website by the end of May.



Can students move to another level the following year?

- If the student meets prerequisite grade of an 90 average in English I, they can move to Academic English II.

or

- If the student meets prerequisite grade of an 93 average in Academic English I, they can move to Honors English II.



English Electives offered beyond grade 9:

- **Creative Writing I & II**
- **Comedy in Film and Television**
- **Three different Public Speaking Courses**
- **Internet and Newspaper Journalism (offered every semester)**
- **Introduction to Film**
- **Sports in Literature and Film**
- **Yearbook I & Yearbook II**

AP COURSES

- ❖ **Advanced Placement III
Language and Composition**
- ❖ **Advanced Placement IV
Literature and Composition**
- ❖ **English IV College Composition**



SOCIAL STUDIES Program



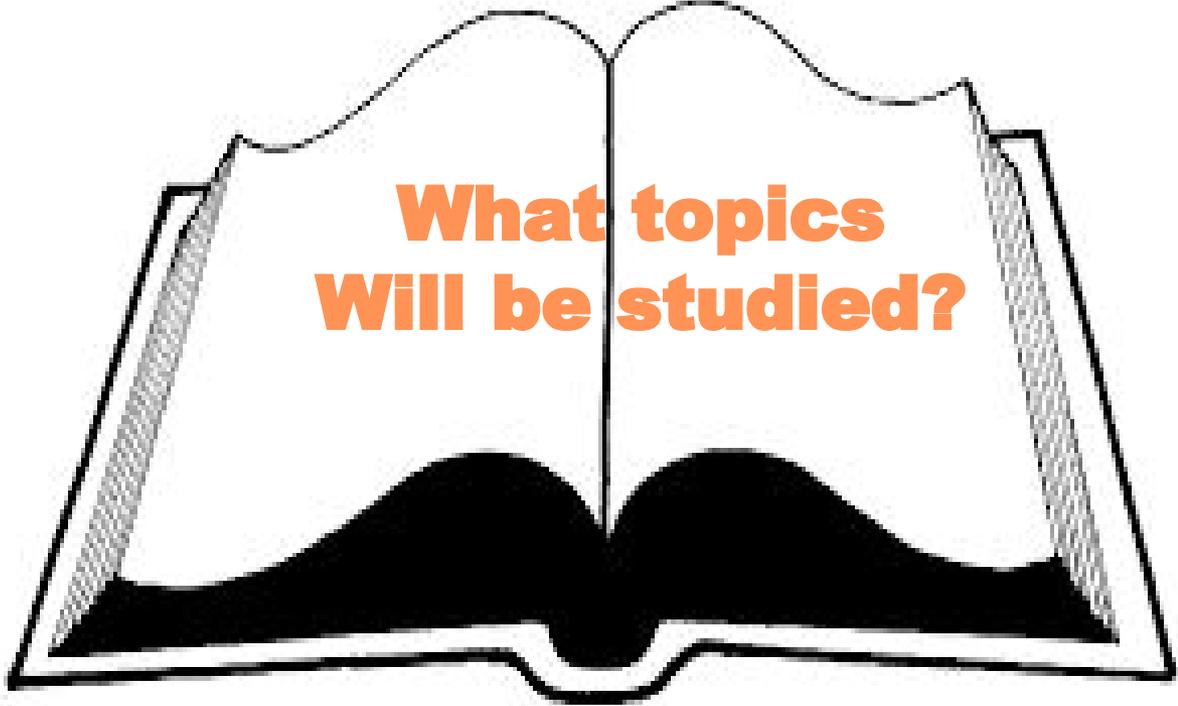
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Required course for all 9th graders

Updated and revised to promote student interest and civic involvement

Connects to current issues



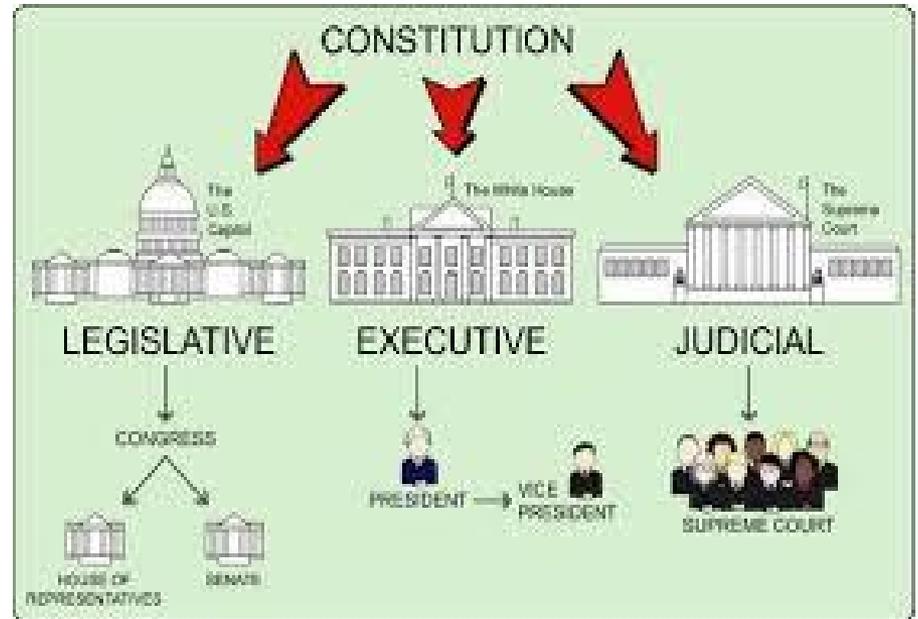
**What topics
Will be studied?**

The Constitution

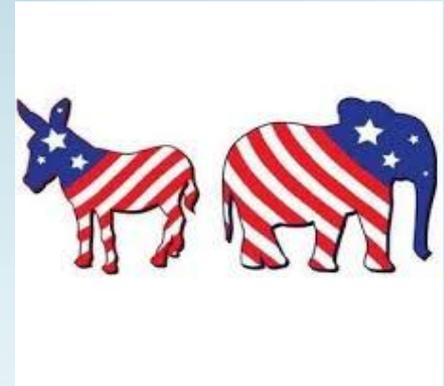
Branches of Government

Powers of Each Branch

Checks & Balances



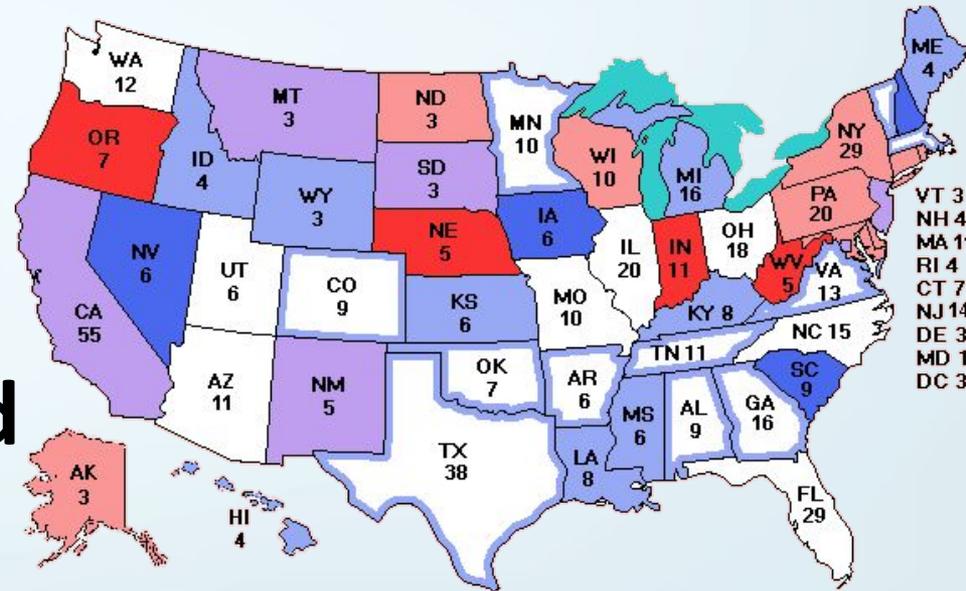
Citizenship and Elections



The Responsibilities of Citizenship

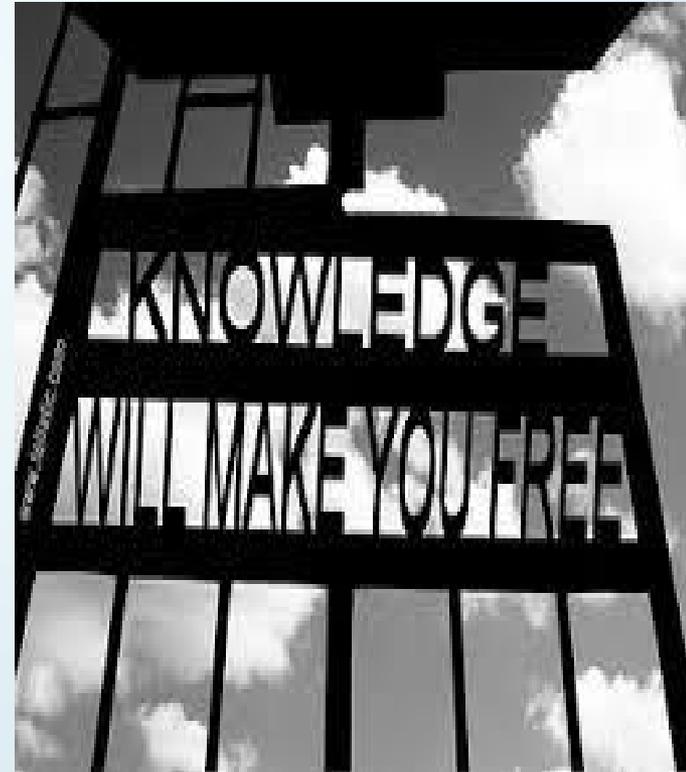
The Political Process:

- Local
 - State
 - National
- ## Political Parties and Candidates

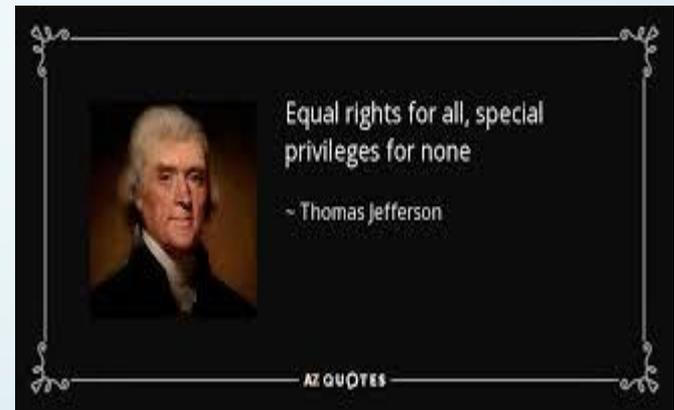
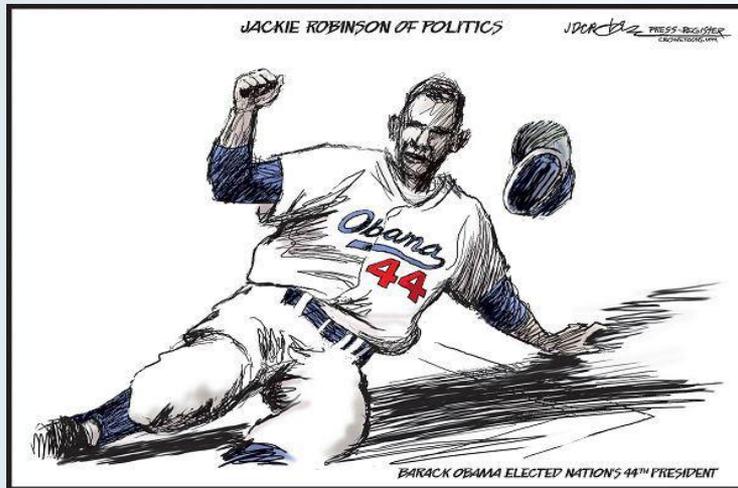




- **The Bill of Rights**
- **Freedom of Speech**
- **Freedom of Religion**
- **Search & Seizure**
- **The Justice System**
- **The Death Penalty**



SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT



The Role of Government in the Economy

Fiscal Policy
The Treasury
The Federal Budget
The Federal Debt
Taxation and Spending
The Business Cycle
Inflation
Trade Policy
The Meltdown of 2008



Can students move to another level the following year?

- If the student meets prerequisite grade of an 90 average in American Government, they can move to Academic US History.

Or

- If the student meets prerequisite grade of an 93 average in Academic American Government, they can move to Honors US History.



Transitional American Government and US History

- Transitional courses are offered for English Language Learners.
- Instruction is differentiated to meet the needs of the students.
- Courses are alternated each year and do not have to be taken in sequence.
- Transitional US History will be offered in 2016-17.
- 9th graders may take this course.
- Fulfills NJ State graduation requirements.



Elective Courses?

While there are no 9th grade
Social Studies electives, students
should consider...



AP US HISTORY

- 
- Honors students may qualify to move into AP US History in 10th Grade
 - Must meet prerequisite
 - 90% in Honors American Government
 - 85% Honors English
 - This fulfills the 10th grade US History requirement

Other AP Courses Grades 11 & 12

- ❖ AP Comparative Government and Politics
- ❖ AP US Government and Politics
- ❖ AP European History
- ❖ AP Psychology



Electives

- **Anthropology**
- **American Justice**
- **Genocide**
- **Holocaust**
- **IPL**
- **Perspectives on 911**
- **Psychology**
- **Race, Gender and Class**
- **Sociology**
- **Vietnam**

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