**Field Trip**

We will attend a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Shakespeare Tavern on February 10. The cost is $35.00 for ticket and private coach transportation. Permission and medical forms must be signed and returned with payment by Monday, February 1st. Checks should be made payable to Pope High School.

***9th Honors Literature and Composition***

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**Vocabulary**

Each week you will receive a vocabulary packet with **exercises** and a writing activity which **must be completed** *accurately* by each **Tuesday** for a grade.

**Vocabulary quizzes occur *each Thursday.***

**Course Description**

This course, designed for the college-bound student, is a genre-based study of language, literature, and composition that will provide students with the opportunity to gain experience in reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking. Our units of study will include nonfiction, short stories, novels, mythology, drama, writing, and poetry. Students will develop strategies for writing in a variety of modes, acquire new vocabulary, engage in standardized test preparation, and gain experience in using technology this semester.   Students will be expected to participate daily in discussions, independent work, and group work in class to develop their critical and analytical thinking skills.

**This honors course is appropriate for students who are highly motivated, have a high level of achievement and possess a strong work ethic.**

**Textbook**

You will not need a book - we have a class set. **☺**

**Attendance and Make-up Work**

If a student must be absent, he or she is responsible for checking the class blog to obtain any assignments.

 Per Cobb County policy, a student has the same number of days s/he was absent to complete make-up work. For instance, if a student is absent two days, s/he has two days to complete classwork, homework, tests, or quizzes missed during the absence.

*Long-term assignments* such as projects or papers **are due** **on the day a student returns from an illness.**

**Students must take any pre-announced test or quiz if s/he returns to class the day it is administered.**

**Late Work**

All assignments are due at the beginning of class and are counted late if turned in ***after the period ends***. **Major projects and papers** will be accepted up to three days late with a penalty of 11 points per day late. **Homework** will only be accepted one day late for half credit.

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# Extra Help

If you need extra help, you can schedule time during AO

or after school so that I can provide individual attention.

 ***Remember, I am here to help you succeed!***

## **Supplies**

* Notebook with pockets to hold handouts and returned work.
* A sketchbook
* Pens with blue or black ink for work *you turn in to me*. Otherwise, have fun and use your favorite colors! (Mine is purple)
* Pencils and erasers
* Highlighters – yellow and 3 other colors
* Color pencils (optional, but you might want to use them in your sketchbook)

**Classroom Donations**

 Any of the following items are gladly accepted:

* Kleenex Tissues (or any other brand)
* Color markers
* Erasers for pencils

**Parallel Readings**

***Big Fish*** by Daniel Wallace

***The Alchemist*** by Paulo Coelho

***Julius Caesar*** by William Shakespeare

**Semester Units**

Poetry

Greek Mythology

Writing

Drama – *Romeo and Juliet*

Epic Poetry – *Odyssey*

*Novel Study*

***Please Note: This is a change from last semester.***

**Grading Policy**

**Point values for assignments will vary based on length, complexity and effort required for each assignment (i.e. not every assignment is worth 100 points).**

**Categories:**

**45% All summative assessments**

**25% Quizzes, daily assignments, homework**

**10% Vocabulary**

**20% EOC**

**Academic Integrity**

If a student plagiarizes or copies another’s work, the student will receive a parent phone call, “U” in conduct, discipline referral, and a zero on the assignment.

**Note:** **helping a friend** ***by letting him or her copy your homework, vocabulary, study guides, or any other work assigned as individual work by your teacher* is considered cheating and is NOT tolerated!**

**Behavior**

Students are expected to treat others with respect at all times, follow the rules within the Pope High School handbook, and abide by the county mandates. Tardiness and excessive absenteeism can disrupt learning and will be reported to Mr. Matthews, the 9th grade administrator, and parents.

# Videos

We may occasionally view curriculum related films or film excerpts (G, PG, and PG-13 only) from the media center