**English 9 – Semester Two**

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| Unit One | Novel Study: *The Outsiders* | Students will engage in a class novel study. Focus skills include making text-to-self and text-to-world connections, analyzing quotations, using quotations from the text in written responses, poetry and song analysis, and knowledge of symbolism, motif, theme and conflict. |
| Unit Two | Introduction to Elizabethan England and Shakespeare | Brief unit introducing the historical context of Shakespeare’s time. Presentation skills will be focused on, as well as citing quotations and pictures. |
| Unit Three | Drama | Students will explore dramatic forms and techniques using two short plays. |
| Unit Five | Multi-Genre Writing Unit | Students will read a novel of their choice, choose one topic area to focus on and will write about that topic in at least three different genres (narrative, poetry, persuasive, etc.). Students will also make a text to world connection to their novel and present it to the class. |

**Throughout the semester:**

* Independent novels and assignments
* Grammar and punctuation mini-lessons and quizzes
* Quick Writes
* Articles of the Week

**Materials Needed:**

* Binder with looseleaf
* Independent novel
* Hard cover writers notebook (students may continue to use their notebooks from last semester)
* Pens (blue and black ink) and pencils; highlighters

**Evaluation:**

* Class work/ Speaking (participation, book talks, homework checks, etc.): 20%
* Assignments/Tests (Writer’s Notebook, projects, tests, quizzes,

writing tasks): 55%

* Final Exam: 30%

**10% will be deducted for each day an assignment is late. All assignments are due by 3:20 pm on the due date and must be handed in on paper (no emails or flash drives accepted). Students are responsible for printing assignments and class time will not be provided for this.**