

**ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
**2009-2010**

**Course Name:** Literature 9

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*Please do not hesitate to call me or have your child call me if there is ever a question or concern. I am always more than happy to work with parents and students.*

**Course Text/s:** *Wordly Wise 9* and assorted novels (\*see below)

**Other Materials Used:**

1. Literature videos to support curriculum
2. Teacher provided support material (i.e. short stories and poems)

**Units to be Covered:**

*Novels will be selected from the following list:*

Catcher in the Rye – J.D. Salinger

Night – Elie Wiesel

Oedipus Rex - Sophocles

1984 – George Orwell

Inherit the Wind - Jerome Lawrence, Robert E. Lee

The Taming of the Shrew – William Shakespeare

Macbeth – William Shakespeare

Othello – William Shakespeare

*\*Selections are subject to change with prior notice from the teacher*

**Methods of Delivery:** Discussion, notes, interactive dialogue, cooperative learning

**Planned Field Trips:** A play at the Blackfriars Shakespeare Theatre in Staunton

**Learning Goals (i.e. what each student should know and be able to do by the end of this course):**

1. Make historical and literary connections
2. Continue investigating the themes presented in each reading selection

3. Add to the body of knowledge of important 20<sup>th</sup> century western classics
4. Add another Shakespeare play to their collection
5. Understand the consequences of a totalitarian society and the loss of individual freedoms in a literary and historical context
6. Be better prepared in vocabulary for standardized tests using formats such as analogies, antonyms, synonyms and reading comprehension passages

**Assignments, Evaluation & Grading Policy:**

1. Literature grades come from a variety of sources-notes may be randomly graded, participation in class discussions, quizzes, tests—all are counted equally.
2. Wordly Wise workbook assignments are graded for completion unless I see a problem with lack of effort or incomplete work. Vocabulary tests will be given weekly.
3. I consider any student unprepared for class if he/she does not bring the required materials. This includes a book for free/independent, silent reading at the beginning of the period. I do not care what they read, as long as it is considered “school-appropriate”, but they must come prepared to read. This will be included in the class participation grade.

**Grading Scale:**

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<b>100</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>92- 90</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>84- 83</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>76- 75</b>	<b>D+</b>
<b>99- 95</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>89- 87</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>82 - 79</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>74-72</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>94- 93</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>86- 85</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>78- 77</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>71- 70</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>69 &amp; below F</b>							

**About the Teacher:**

Although this is my first year as a full-time teacher at St. Luke’s, I was both a part-time and substitute teacher at the school last year. In fact, I have been teaching for almost seven years; yet, I have moved around quite a bit in my career thus far. I received a B.A. in English from Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA) and immediately began teaching overseas in Iwate, Japan. After three years abroad, I returned to the U.S. and received my M.A. in English Education and teaching certification from New York University (New York, NY). Prior to teaching at St. Luke’s, I worked in the public school system as an English Language Arts teacher in New York City and Chicago, as well as an English/Writing instructor at Germanna Community College. Additionally, I am a Cross Country/Track and Field Coach at Eastern View High School and Fitness Instructor at both Gold’s Gym and the Culpeper Sport and Racquet Club in town. Moreover, running and cycling are my two great loves beyond teaching and coaching, and I will be traveling to Australia this year for the World Triathlon Championships.

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