

## Course Description

The key question for English 9 is, “How can engaging with global stories expand my appreciation for the entire human family?” The overarching goal is that students will see themselves as part of the larger global society that they live in and their capacity for empathy for others will grow. Human beings are wired to communicate through stories, and as stories from around the world get inside of us, they can increase our empathy for others and our sense of community with those from around the world. This course, while it is focused on reading, writing, and communication, also examines some significant global issues that will hopefully stir up students’ desire to become better global citizens. The texts in English 9 were chosen to help students to think outside of their own experiences and consider their neighbors, both near and far. Students will have a chance to show their storytelling skills, hopefully highlighting how they can make the world a better place through their own storytelling.

This is a year-long course consisting of 6 units.

## Course Overview

### Semester 1 Units:

1. Course Intro and Global Stories
2. Writing Skills
3. Novel Study: *Refugee*

### Semester 2 Units:

4. Media Literacy and Nonfiction
5. *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*
6. Global Journey Project

## Methods of Evaluation

Students will demonstrate mastery through the following formative and summative assessments:

- 40% Assignments
- 10% Participation (Discussion Posts, Live Classes)
- 10% Quizzes
- 25% Final Assessment
- 15% Writings, Projects, and Presentations

## **Additional Course Information**

Detailed information regarding OC Online policies on proctored final exams, grading policy, late/missing assignment policy, weekly live sessions, course expectations, and additional school policies can be found on the website.