



# ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Forming Servant Leaders in the Image of Christ

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS FRESHMAN CURRICULUM OUTLINE

**English Department Mission Statement:** The mission is to create in each student the desire to be a smart person and a good person. It is designed with the understanding that the careful integration of Catholic doctrine and the examination of complex real world issues create the wisdom and discernment necessary for true Catholic missionary work. The teacher's responsibility is to help form Christian words to the inevitable tough questions every young person will raise and to inspire in each student the understanding that human stories are beautiful fragments of the mysterious Divine Story.

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### FRESHMAN ACCELERATED

1. Advanced Grammar through Composition
2. Composition
  - a. Literary Theme Analysis
    - i. 1 intro/4 body paragraphs/conclusion
      1. Citing text
      2. With & without research
3. MLA Style
4. Genre Slant to Literature
5. Literary Genres
  - a. Fiction
  - b. Poetry
  - c. Drama
  - d. Essay
6. In-Text Literary Vocabulary
7. SAT English and Reading Practice
8. SHAKESPEARE STUDY: *Romeo and Juliet*
9. 4 Independent Novels (Chosen by students from list compiled by Diocese of Phoenix
  - a. Can be integrated into class lessons at the discretion of teacher
10. 4 In-Class Novel Studies
  - a. *To Kill a Mockingbird*
  - b. *Lord of the Flies*
  - c. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
  - d. *The Pearl*

11. Personal/Reflective, Descriptive, Persuasive Compositions
12. Oral and Written Responses to Current Events and Church Teachings
13. Letter Writing/Resume
14. 2-minute Performance/Presentation
  - a. "Savio Story Spectacular"

### **FRESHMAN HONORS**

1. Advanced Grammar through Composition
2. Composition
  - a. Literary Theme Analysis
    - i. 1 intro/5 body paragraphs/conclusion
      1. Citing text
      2. With & without research
3. MLA Style
4. Genre Slant to Literature
5. Literary Terms
  - a. Fiction
  - b. Poetry
  - c. Drama
  - d. Essay
6. Literary Vocabulary
7. SAT Vocabulary
  - a. 150 specific SAT vocabulary words
8. SAT English and Reading Practice
9. SHAKESPEARE STUDY: *Romeo and Juliet*
10. 6 Independent Novels
  - a. Can be integrated into class lessons at the discretion of teacher
11. 6 In-Class Novel Studies
  - a. *To Kill a Mockingbird*
  - b. *Lord of the Flies*
  - c. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
  - d. *The Pearl*
  - e. *A Separate Peace*
  - f. *Fahrenheit 451*
12. Personal/Reflective, Descriptive, Persuasive Essays
13. Oral and Written Responses to Current Events and Church Teachings
14. Letter Writing/Resume
15. 3-minute Performance/Presentation
  - a. "Savio Story Spectacular"