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# English 9 Syllabus

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## Semester One Syllabus (Units 1-5)

### Days 1-20 **Unit 1 - Short Story Unit** (Stories found on CD):

- 1:1 "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W.Jacobs
  - 1:2 "The Most Dangerous Game" by Richard Connell
  - 1:3 "The Gift of the Magi" by O.Henry
  - 1:4 "The Tell-tale Heart" by Edgar Allen Poe
  - 1:5 "The Open Window" by H.H. Munro (Saki)
  - 1:6 "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant
  - 1:7 "The Lady or the Tiger?" by Frank R. Stockton
  - 1:8 "The Catbird Seat" by James Thurber
  - 1:9 "To Build a Fire" by Jack London
  - 1:10 "The Piece of String" by Guy de Maupassant
  - 1:11 "The Sniper" by Liam O'Flaherty
  - 1:12 "The Scarlet Ibis" by James Hurst
- Review  
Short Story Test

### Days 21-30 **Unit 2 - Writing Section #1: Topics for Writing**

- 2:1 Choosing Topics for Writing
- 2:2 The Narrowing of the Topic Sentence
- 2:3 Day Standard Expository Paragraph
- 2:4 Writing a Standard Expository Paragraph
- 2:5 Editing and Correcting the Expository Paragraph
- 2:6 Paraphrasing Prose Works
- 2:7 Revising Prose Paraphrase
- 2:8 Writing Poetry Paraphrase
- 2:9 Revising Poetry Paraphrase
- 2:10 Chapter Review: Writing Reflections

### Days 31-55 **Unit 3 – Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet":**

- 3:1 Introduction
- 3:2 Prologue, Act I.1 & 2
- 3:3 Act I. 3 & 4
- 3:4 Act I. 5, Act II. 1
- 3:5 Act II. 2 & 3
- 3:6 Act II. 4 & 5
- 3:7 Act II. 6, Act III. 1
- 3:8 Act III. 2 & 3
- 3:9 Act III. 4 & 5
- 3:10 Act III. 5, Act IV. 1

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- 3:11 Act IV. 2 & 3
- 3:12 Act IV. 4 & 5
- 3:13 Act V. 1
- 3:14 Act V. 2 & 3
- 3:15 Act V. 4 & 5
- 3:16 Watch Movie  
Review  
"Romeo and Juliet" Test

### Days 56-60 **Unit 4 - Writing Section #2: Narrative Writing**

- 4:1 Writing a Narrative
- 4:2 "Read Around"
- 4:3 Choosing a Narrative Topic
- 4:4 Revision and Criticism
- 4:5 Final Copy

### Days 61-80 **Unit 5 - The Novel:** *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

- 5:1 Introduction and Prologue
- 5:2 Chapter I
- 5:3 Chapter I Continued
- 5:4 Chapter II
- 5:5 Chapter II Continued
- 5:6 Chapter III
- 5:7 Chapter III Continued
- 5:8 Review and Writing
- 5:9 Chapter IV
- 5:10 Paper Criticism
- 5:11 Chapter IV Continued
- 5:12 Chapter V
- 5:13 Chapter V Continued
- 5:14 Art Day-Making Bookmarks
- 5:15 Chapter VI
- 5:16 Chapter VI Continued  
Review  
*The Pearl* Test

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### Semester Two Syllabus (Units 6-10)

#### Days 81-100 **Unit 6 – The Epic:** *The Odyssey* by Homer

- 6:1 Introduction to *The Odyssey*
- 6:2 Introduction to The Trojan War
- 6:3 Introduction to literary terms and names and places in *The Odyssey*
- 6:4 Discussion of Chapter IX
- 6:5 Drawing of Cyclops
- 6:6 Discussion of the visit to the island of Aeaea and Circe
- 6:7 Group discussion and writing of the Circe story
- 6:8 In-class reading
- 6:9 Skit planning
- 6:10 Skit presentations
- 6:11 In-class reading of Chapter XVI
- 6:12 In-class completion of Worksheet 6:3
- 6:13 In-class reading of Chapter XXI
- 6:14 Discussion of Chapter XXI
- 6:15 Pop Quiz on Chapter XXII
- 6:16 Pictures related to *The Odyssey*
- 6:17 In-class reading of Chapter XXIII
- 6:18 In-class discussion of Chapter XXIII
- 6:19 Review for test on *The Odyssey*
- 6:20 Test on *The Odyssey*

#### Days 101-110 **Unit 7 – Speaking Activities**

- 7:1 Unit and introduction and speech assignment
- 7:2 Student planning of individual speeches
- 7:3 Teacher conferences with students
- 7:4 Student outlines and teacher revisions
- 7:5 Final speech revisions
- 7:6 Student speeches

#### Days 111-130 **Unit 8 – Poetry**

- 8:1 Unit Introduction
- 8:2 "To My Dear and Loving Husband" "The Concord Hymn"
- 8:3 "The Arrow and the Song"; "The Children's Hour"
- 8:4 "Paul Revere's Ride"; "There Was a Little Girl"
- 8:5 "Alone"; "The Raven"
- 8:6 "Old Ironsides"; "The New Colossus"
- 8:7 "Casey at the Bat"; "Miniver Cheevy"
- 8:8 "Fire and Ice"; "Mending Wall"
- 8:9 "The Road Not Taken"; "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"
- 8:10 "A Red, Red Rose"; "How Do I Love Thee?"

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- 8:11 "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"; "My Heart Leaps Up"
- 8:12 "The Eagle"; "Flower in the Crannied Wall"
- 8:13 "My Life Closed Twice"; "I Never Saw a Moor"
- 8:14 "When I Was One and Twenty"; "With Rue My Heart Is Laden"
- 8:15 "We Wear the Mask"; "Sea Fever"
- 8:16 "Fog"; "Grass"
- 8:17 "The Kiss"; "I Shall Not Care"
- 8:18 "Trees"; "The Negro Speaks of Rivers"
- 8:19 "Dream Deferred"; "Still Here"
- 8:20 "The Unknown Citizen"

### Days 131-140 **Unit 9 – Description and Argumentation**

- 9:1 Basic Rules for Descriptive Writing
- 9:2 Rewriting Boring Descriptive Sentences
- 9:3 Being a Good Observer
- 9:4 Writing a Descriptive Paragraph
- 9:5 Basic Rules for Argumentative Writing
- 9:6 Choosing an Argumentative Topic
- 9:7 Planning an Argumentative Paper
- 9:8 Drafting an Argumentative Paper
- 9:9 Revising an Argumentative Paper
- 9:10 Completing an Argumentative Paper

### Days 141-160 **Unit 10 – The Novel:** *The Call of the Wild*

- 10:1 Introduction to the novel and the author
- 10:2 Geographical information
- 10:3 Reading and discussion of Chapter 1
- 10:4 Reading and discussion of Chapter 2
- 10:5 Reading and discussion of Chapter 3
- 10:6 Reading and discussion of Chapter 4
- 10:7 Reading and discussion of Chapter 5
- 10:8 Reading and discussion of Chapter 6
- 10:9 Reading and discussion of final chapter
- 10:10 Viewing of movie
- 10:11 Review for test over *The Call of the Wild*
- 10:12 Test over *The Call of the Wild*

### Year-Long Activities

Vocabulary Lessons: 1-30 (in Vocabulary Workbook) Every Week