

Junior Language Arts



Core and Elective Choices
West Jordan High School

All junior students are required to have a full year of Language Arts credit. Our goal is to make sure each student is working at the level that will lead to proficiency in core skills and challenging themselves to build toward mastery and beyond.

The following slides should help you make the best course choice.

*If you have any questions, please email:
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Language Arts 11

For students at or approaching proficiency in basic language arts skills, Language Arts 11 is a class that builds on those skills, using reading selections from American Literature. Students should expect to improve in the core areas of reading, writing, speaking and language.



Language Arts 11 Honors

This class is designed for students who have reached grade-level proficiency in language arts skills and are ready for more of a challenge. Students in the honors program are on track to be prepared for college-level courses in their senior year.

The curriculum focuses on improving skills in reading, writing, speaking, and language. Reading selections come from American Literature.



Advanced Placement (AP) Language & Composition

*AP Language is a college level composition course that emphasizes different types of expository writing and the elements of language. A passing score on the AP language test will give college credit for the freshman level English requirement at most universities.

*This course is open to well-prepared juniors and seniors. Successful completion of an honors level English class and mastery of core language arts skills are good indicators of your readiness for a class at this level. This is the recommended AP course for juniors where schedules permit.



Advanced Placement (AP) Literature & Composition

- College level survey of literature
 - novels, plays, and poetry
 - composition centered on literary topics
- Offered to qualified junior students
 - Because of the high academic expectations, this course is best suited for students who have done well in honors English classes in the past
- Passing score on AP Exam earns college credit
- Great for those who love reading and discussing literature in extreme depth



Newspaper Staff



This is a year-long course that focuses on producing our school newspaper. Students will work on both the print and online editions. Students will learn all aspects of journalism, including interviewing, writing, photography and layout.

Students must have a teacher recommendation or see Mrs. Robertson for approval. Students must be self-motivated, meticulous about meeting deadlines, willing to work as a team and ready to cover a variety of school activities. Some after-school availability is required.

Juniors will earn elective credit.

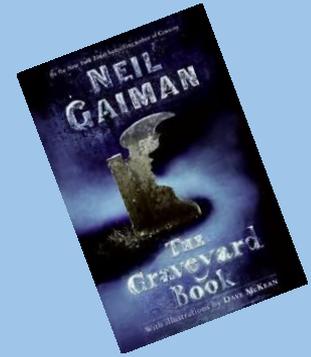
Lit to Film

- Read the lit - watch the movie
Juniors get elective credit
A semester class you will love

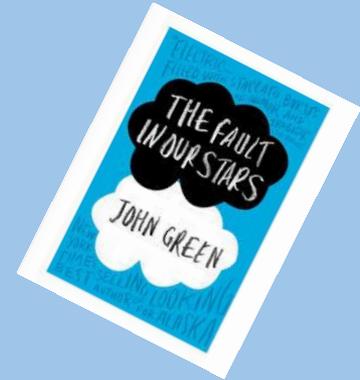
Contemporary Young Adult Literature

Who is this class for?

- ★ People who enjoy reading.
- ★ People who enjoy talking about what they're reading.
- ★ People who enjoy reading something other than the CLASSICS.
- ★ People who enjoy reading the CLASSICS but who also enjoy reading stories published in the last ten years.



- ★ People who enjoy earning elective credit by reading awesome books



Creative Writing 1

- In Creative Writing, we slay dragons, go to exotic places, meet fascinating people, run with bulls, fight aliens, break hearts and mend them--all with our mighty pens and paper.
- By taking Creative Writing, you will explore the worlds of creative nonfiction, poetry, short stories, and novels.
- Who should take this course?
 - Students who love to write.
 - Students who love to read.
 - Students who want to become better writers.
 - Students who want to earn elective credit

“There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed.” --Ernest Hemingway



Creative Writing 2

- ❖ Creative Writing 2 is a semester class for students who have already successfully completed Creative Writing 1 and want to dive even deeper into the world of the writer's craft.
- ❖ This class will be modeled on the style of a college creative writing workshop.
- ❖ Juniors may earn a semester of elective credit.

“The art of writing is the art of discovering what you believe.” --
Gustave Flaubert



Literary Magazine

-Offered to 11th grade for elective credit

-This class is responsible for creating, collecting, and curating different forms of writing, art, graphic design, and publication skills to create a Literary Magazine for our school

-Students will create their own pieces as well as operate similar to a Newspaper or Yearbook staff (collecting and critiquing work from others), to produce a publication that will be sold at the end of the semester

-Great class for creative, business-driven, go-getter students

-See Mrs. Meek in room D-25 to look at an example of the end product or if you have any questions!



Fantasy/Sci-Fi Literature

Explore Your Imagination

Representative titles include Mistborn, I Robot, Ender's Game, and others

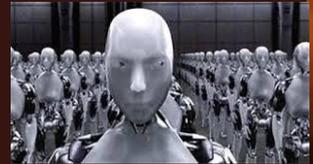
The themes and philosophies present in the literature

Read about far away worlds and fantastical creatures

Emphasize writing and methods of inquiry that relate to the genres

Semester class

May be taken as an elective credit



AP Art History

35,000 years of sculpture, painting, and architecture. Sound intimidating? Well, it's not. It is a fascinating look at human activity that shows the growth and development of ideas and art across time and throughout the world. And you are a part of that!

Art History is a great way to try out an AP class. You can come in knowing nothing and leave with a passing score and up to 8 hours of college credit. We also join the AP European History class each year for a trip to New York to view the art we study all year.

This is a year-long course that leads up to the AP exam in May. Although not an English class, it is offered through the English department and counts as Elective or Art credit toward graduation.

