

Language Arts 9 S1 & S2

Course Information:

1 Credit

Asynchronous Spark Course

Course Site: <https://akgrad.sparkeducation.com/>

Course Description: The ninth grade language arts course connects reading instruction with writing for multiple purposes. The course continues intensive practice and study of informational and literary reading and writing. Students read extensively from a variety of sources, and draft, revise, and edit their own writing.

Course Organization: The course is made up of fifty-seven lessons contained in eleven units and four post-assessments. Students complete lessons and assignments while simultaneously reading their chosen novels or plays.

Materials Required:

- Computer or tablet with Internet access
- 4 novels/plays chosen from the options listed in the course

Academic Dishonesty: With most correspondence courses as well as AKGrad & YKSD, honesty of parents and students is essential. If an AK Grad teacher confirms that a student has plagiarized work or used AI, the student will receive a 0 and be subject to consequences determined by their school of record.

Grading: In this course you will be graded on quizzes, assignments, and post-assessments.

- **Quizzes:** There are 48 quizzes. Quizzes are mostly computer scored and you can see your incorrect answers immediately so you can retake if necessary. The question format is largely multiple choice but can also include fill-in-the-blank, matching, or short answer. It is also permissible to use notes, study materials, and books on the quizzes. You have 2 tries to take each quiz and additional attempts can be given upon request.
- **Lesson Assignments:** There are 35 assignments in this category. Assignments are teacher graded and require you to create a document or media to demonstrate your understanding of the material. Writing assignments vary in length from a few sentences to five paragraphs.
- **Term Book Assignments:** You are required to read a novel or play for each quarter (4) of Language Arts 9 and complete the accompanying assignments: vocabulary list, metacognitive log, and literature circle worksheet.

- **Post-Assessments:** Post-assessments are cumulative. There is a post-assessment at the end of each quarter.

The following grading scale will be used for determining your final grade. After completing the course with a "D-" or better you will receive one Carnegie credit from the Yukon Koyukuk School District.

Percent	Grade
97% - 100%	A+
93% - 96%	A
90% - 92%	A-
87% - 89%	B+
83% - 86%	B
80% - 82%	B-
77% - 79%	C+
73% - 76%	C
70% - 72%	C-
67% - 69%	D+
63% - 66%	D
60% - 62%	D-
< 60%	F

Course Schedule: Though you are in charge of your own schedule, we will encourage you to create a schedule for completing the course. As your teacher, I will support you in meeting your goals. A pacing guide is provided in the course. The following is a list of Units that need to be completed.

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unit: Term 1 Book ● Unit: Reading Strategies ● Term 1 Post-Assessment ● Unit: Term 2 Book ● Unit: Writing Traits ● Unit: Shakespeare ● Unit: Romeo and Juliet ● Term 2 Post-Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unit: Term 3 Book ● Unit: Romeo and Juliet II ● Unit: Nonfiction ● Term 3 Post-Assessment ● Unit: Term 4 Book ● Unit: Real World Literature ● Term 4 Post-Assessment

Subject to Change

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. Your instructor will notify you of changes via Spark announcements.