

ENGLISH 11 SYLLABUS:

Students will complete units, with the requisite skills, on:

- Origins of the English Language-Students will learn about where the language came from and read some of the first English writings, such a *Beowulf*, the epic poem.
- Olde English and Middle English Texts- Students will read selections for *The Canterbury Tales* and other Middle English texts, and will understand how they are structured and what traits they share.
- Research Papers/ Novels- Students will read a novel, and then later relate the biographical research they do to the novel in an extended paper. Students will receive step -by- step instructions; the final draft is worth 300 points.
- Drama-Students will read/ watch/ perform Shakespeare's darkest play, *Macbeth*, and learn the components of dramatic literature as well as thematic concepts
- Poetry- Students will read a variety of poems by Shakespeare, Marlowe, and Pope, among others. They will understand poetic constructs and literary and poetic techniques
- Standardized test preparation- Students in this class will be prepared for and take the Keystone Literature Exam
- Writing (ongoing throughout course) - Students will journal and develop formal writing skills, as well as creating works of their own to demonstrate an understanding of material