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English 1: Introduction to Literature

Grade 9

“A person who won’t read has no advantage over one who can’t read.” - Mark Twain

English 1 is an introductory literature course designed to equip students with the foundational skills they will need in order to be successful in their studies of literature for their four years at SJP. By exploring a wide variety of types of literature written by a diverse collection of authors, the course strives to inspire, first and foremost, a love of reading. Students will be introduced to the art of literary analysis; they will be expected to express themselves and analyze literature through many different mediums, but the primary focus will be on developing their academic writing and public speaking skills. Students will develop skills to think critically, empowering them to substantiate their own unique claims about a text or a group of texts. Students will be encouraged to continually consider how every book interacts with other books, movies or personal experiences. Upon completion of this course, students will have demonstrated their ability to be independent thinkers who are able to support their ideas and craft arguments by citing concrete evidence.