# 9th Grade Lit and Composition Curriculum Pacing Guide

**Course:** 9th Grade Lit and Composition  
**Grade:** 9

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<th>August/January</th>
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- MLA Format, Works Cited, in-text/Parenthetical Documentation  
- Media Center Introduction  
- Unit 1: The Hero’s Journey; Situational, Setting, Symbolic, and Character Archetypes  
- Brief Intro to Filmography  
- Greek Mythology  
- Readings: The Odyssey by Homer; Where I Find my Heroes (NF); Selected stories from Edith Hamilton’s Mythology  
- Assign Essay: Persuasive | - Test: The Odyssey  
- Unit 2: Moral Courage and Masks of Humanity  
- Readings: “We Wear the Mask”; Selected short stories from Flannery O’Connor (Southern Grotesque); To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee  
- TKAM Mini-Research Paper and Presentations  
- Assign Essay: Laws of Life  
- Test: TKAM |

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| - Unit 3: Paradoxes of Life and Literature  
- Introduction to dramatic literature, Shakespeare, Sonnets  
- Readings: Selected Sonnets; the Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet by Shakespeare  
- Assign Essay: Argumentative | - Test: Shakespeare, dramatic literature, and Romeo and Juliet  
- Unit 4: Short Stories/Elements of Fiction  
- Assign Short Essay: Synthesis |

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<th>Ongoing Subjects:</th>
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| - Finish Unit 4  
- Test: Elements of Fiction and Short Stories  
- EOC Prep  
- Assign Essay: Reflection (Final) | - Vocabulary and Context Clue Practice  
- Grammar Exercises  
- In-class writing assignments (i.e. journals, quick writers, etc.)  
- USA Test Prep (Benchmark Assessments and Reviews) |