



Parkview High School
Language Arts Department

Working to improve reading, writing,
vocabulary, and research skills. . .

Freshman Language Arts

College Prep, Honors, and Gifted





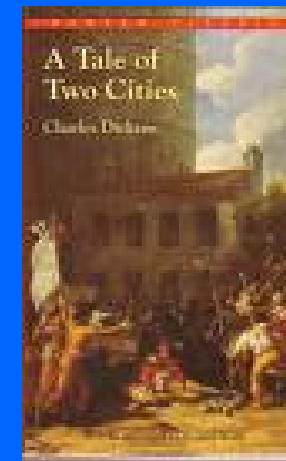
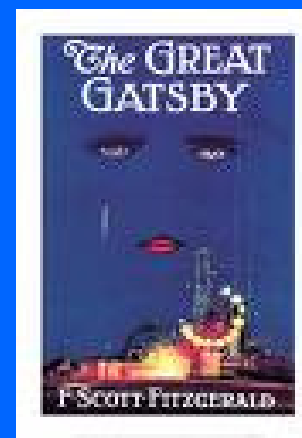
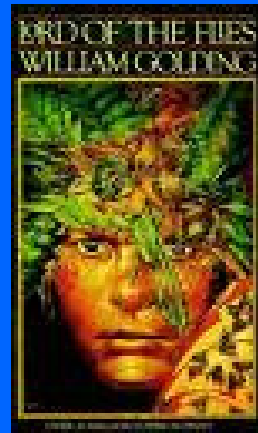
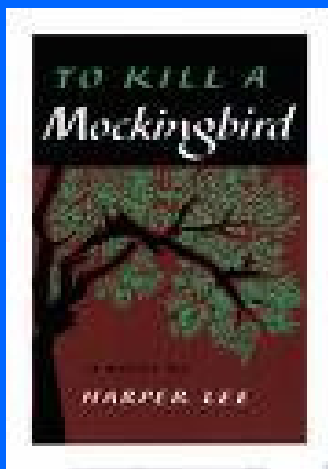
Language Arts Electives

- ***Print Journalism*** – A year-long elective course that produces the school newspaper. The class is by application only and is open to students beginning in their sophomore year.
- ***Broadcast Journalism*** – A year-long elective course that produces the weekly news show. The class is by application only and is open to students during their senior year.
- ***Reading*** – For students reading two levels below grade level. Provides assistance for students having difficulty meeting AKS on grade level.



Literature

- Freshman Year – Genre
- Sophomore Year – World Literature
- Junior Year – American Literature
- Senior Year – British Literature



Writing – Portfolio Plan

Grades 9 – 12

- Three major papers per semester (minimum)
- Models standardized writing assessments at each level
- Provides writing reference resource for post-secondary education



Types of Writing Assignments

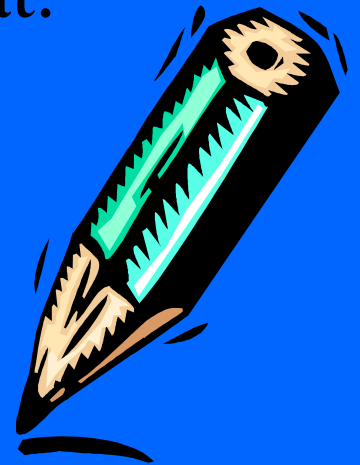
(vary by teacher)

- Research Paper
- Literary Analysis
- Personal Responses
- Journals
- Creative
- Gateway Practice
- SAT Practice
- Timed Writings



PHS Composition Standards

- Students receive Composition Standards in each course.
- Expectations are clear and consistent in grades 9 – 12.
- Standards follow current MLA format.



Vocabulary Plan

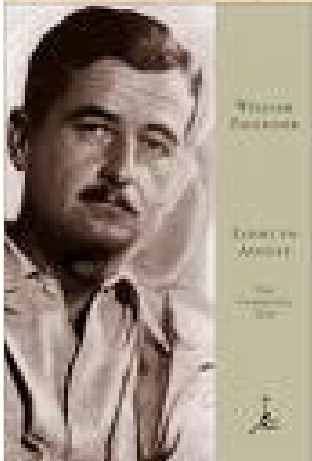
- Cumulative and comprehensive approach
- Daily practice with vocabulary encountered in reading
- Regular study based on the *Vocabulary Workshop* series of texts
- 15 lessons per year with additional emphasis on word roots



AP English Options

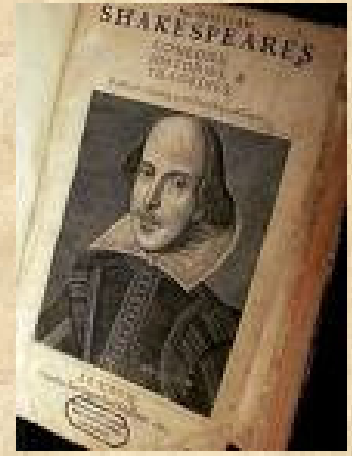
- AP Language

- Junior year course
- American literature emphasis
- Focus on rhetorical skills and composition skills, as well as the study of fiction and nonfiction



- AP Literature

- Senior year course
- British literature emphasis
- Focus on an intensive study of great literature, written responses to this literature, as well as critical-thinking skills



Standardized Tests in Language Arts

- End of Course Tests (Ninth and Eleventh)
- Gateway (Tenth)
- PSAT (Tenth)
- Georgia High School Writing Test (Eleventh)
- Georgia High School Graduation Test in English (Eleventh)
- SAT and/or ACT (Eleventh and Twelfth)
- AP (Twelfth – if applicable)

