

Ninth Grade English Essential Learnings

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The student...

Literature

1. Distinguishes between prose and poetry.
2. Identifies, defines, and uses literary terms correctly:
 - character
 - setting
 - plot
 - theme
3. Identifies, defines, and uses literary/poetic devices correctly:
 - simile
 - metaphor
 - imagery

Reading

4. Uses inferencing to predict and to make text-to-self, text-to-text, and text-to-world connections.
5. Synthesizes what is read by paraphrasing and summarizing text.

Composition

6. Writes complex sentences.
7. Writes well organized paragraphs that include:
 - a topic sentence
 - supporting details
 - a concluding sentence or transition sentence
8. Writes an essay that includes:
 - a focused topic
 - a clear thesis statement
 - an introduction, body, and conclusion
 - well organized paragraphs

Language

9. Edits own writing and that of others for correctness related to:
 - capitalization of proper nouns and proper adjectives
 - commas in introductory clauses and in compound sentences
 - apostrophes in possessives and contractions