



**Grade Nine Applied English  
ENG 1P  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier S.S.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is designed to develop the key oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills students need for success in secondary school and daily life. Students will read, interpret, and create a variety of informational, literary, and graphic texts. An important focus will be on identifying and using appropriate strategies and processes to improve students' comprehension of texts and to help them communicate clearly and effectively. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 applied English course, which leads to college or workplace preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12. (1 credit)

**COURSE CONTENT:**

**UNIT 1: Short Fiction and Non-Fiction**

- Students will read short stories and articles from a variety of literacy resources to understand literary terms, character development, and purposes of different types of writing.
- *Evaluation:* Terms quiz, reading comprehension test, poster project.

**UNIT 2: Mythology, Heroes, and Superheroes**

- Students will learn Greek and Roman myths and explore connections to the modern world.
- *Evaluation:* Creative media project; end of unit test.

**UNIT 3: Novel Study #1**

- Together the class will read *Freak the Mighty* or *Hunger Games* or *Sketches*.
- *Evaluation:* Character sketch paragraph, news article, ongoing journal, unit test.

**UNIT 4: Novel Study #2**

- Together the class will read *Speak* or *Outsiders*.
- *Evaluation:* Character sketch paragraph, Facebook page, ongoing journal, unit test.

**UNIT 5: Summative Task**

- *Evaluation:* Paragraph writing, motivational poster production, and interview.

**UNIT 6: Independent Reading (ongoing)**

- Students will independently read a novel of their choice in class.
- *Evaluation:* Independent reading logs; 11-sentence paragraph

**UNIT 7: Grammar and Preparation for the Literacy Test**

- Students will use *Language Power* and EQAO workbooks to further their proficiency in grammar and writing.
- *Evaluation:* Tests and quizzes.

