# English 9 – Honours

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**The goals of English 9 Honours are to**:

• **comprehend and respond to oral and written language** critically, creatively and articulately.

• **communicate ideas, information, and feelings** critically, creatively and articulately, using various media

• **think** critically and creatively, and reflect on and articulate their thinking and learning

* **Question** and explore the human condition through **inquiry**
* **Publish writing**
* **Extend thinking**

• develop a continuously increasing **understanding of self and others**

**Content** (some aspects of the units depend on time…)

**Prose**: Short Stories and Essays

**Poetry**: Traditional, Contemporary, Spoken Word

**Drama**: A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream

**Film and video**: Dead Poet’s Society, various videos

**Novel**: Literature circles

**Writing**: Personal Reflections, Expository, Descriptive, Narrative, Synthesis, Creative

**Inquiry**: exploring the human condition via children’s stories

**Grammar and Vocabulary**: improving upon the mechanics of good writing, building sophisticated vocabulary, and developing an understanding of stylistic devices

**Assessment**

Assessment will be both *Formative* (15% - homework checks, informal feedback, suggestions, and conferences, to help you learn) and *Summative* (75% - to demonstrate what you have learned, such as tests, projects, essays). Assessment will be based on skills, comprehension, creativity and participation.

**There will be a final inquiry project that is worth 10% of your mark.**

**Materials**

Must bring everyday:

* Writing utensil (blue or black pen or pencil)
* English texts/books you have been assigned
* Electronic device with a charger
* And organize on your desktop (or to One Drive) a digital backpack with the following files:
	+ **English**
		- Inquiry
		- Short Stories
		- Grammar and Writing
		- Novel and/or Literature Circles
		- Non-fiction
		- Poetry
		- Shakespeare
			* You should be prepared to download documents from Ms. Shong’s blog so that you have them on your desktop in your organized file in case the network is slow etc. Do not download until you are asked to do so.

I look forward to working with you this semester. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at kshong@sd43.bc.ca. I am also available for help most lunches and after school.