

SOPHOMORE ENGLISH CLASS  
Encompass Academy  
Mr. Scott Groach

**Course Objectives:**

We aim to build upon students' reading, writing, speaking and listening skills through the exploration of various literary pieces. We will analyze themes, language and interpretations of text across many genres of literature.

- Develop critical reading and analysis skills through text
- Improve and support writing through different genres
- Explore various genres of literature
- Participate in Socratic seminars and other oral discussion
- Connect historical events and writings to modern literary works

**Course Materials:**

In class, we will be reading, writing, listening and speaking every single day so please come prepared with a pencil, notebook, IPAD/Computer, and a great attitude. Fridays are independent work days and assignments will be posted online.

- Class novels, stories, text
- Writing utensils
- Notebooks IPADS/Computers/Device
- Google Docs/Google Classroom

**Books & Stories**

We will be reading from a variety of literary sources throughout the year including many of the novels listed below. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mr. Groach at [Scott@encompassacademy.org](mailto:Scott@encompassacademy.org)

- Animal Farm
- Romeo & Juliet
- Lord of the Flies
- Macbeth
- The Things They Carried
- Hamlet
- The Alchemist
- Julius Caesar
- Animals in Translation
- The Hobbit
- A Raisin in the Sun
- Bully
- Monster
- The Invisible Man
- Night

Into the Wild  
To Kill a Mockingbird  
The Giver  
The Odyssey  
Flowers for Algernon  
Catcher in the Rye  
Of Mice & Men  
Things Fall Apart  
Kite Runner  
Life of a Part-time Indian  
Fahrenheit 451  
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry  
Wizard of Earthsea  
Autobiography of Frederick Douglass  
The Outsiders  
Jonathan Livingston Seagull  
1984

**Grading:**

Participation & Attendance – 25%  
Reading – 25%  
Writing – 25%  
Behavior – 25%

**Weekly Schedule:**

Monday & Wednesday – Block Schedule 90 minute classes  
Tuesday & Thursday – Flex Schedule 60 minute classes  
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday – Tutoring, clubs, and teams