

P-CEP English 9 Test-Out Information

The Michigan Merit Curriculum requires students to take four years of English Language Arts. Students may earn the graduation required 1.0 credit for English 9 – World Literature by scoring at least 80% on the test-out.

Students will take a 100-question multiple choice test, give one short oral presentation, and write one essay. Students are allotted three hours to complete the English 9 test-out.

Students should arrive with a pencil and school-issued ID card.

Items may exist on the test that are not on this list, and some items on this list may not exist on the test.

ESSAY WRITING

- Argumentative essay format, including thesis, opposing point-of-view, and supporting evidence/concrete details
- Literary analysis
- The Jane Schaffer Writing Program and terminology of that program

TEXTS

- Students should read and study the following texts for both comprehension and deeper meaning or analysis
- Myths and Folktales: *Genesis* (Creation, Adam and Eve, and Noah), *Green Willow*, *Panchatantra* (“Slow, the Weaver” and “The Brahman’s Dream”), and *Popol Vuh*
- Epic: Homer’s *The Odyssey* (Books 9-12, 21-23)
- Drama: Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*
- Novel: Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart*

RESEARCH

- Conventions of writing research essays, including citations, thesis, source evaluation, plagiarism

STANDARDS OF WRITTEN ENGLISH

- Parts of speech, capitalization, commonly misused words, punctuation, pronoun usage, sentence structure, active and passive voice, verb usage, subject-verb agreement.

LITERARY TERMS AND CONCEPTS

- Common terms and concepts that are important to studying literature, such as tone, alliteration, metaphor, simile, hyperbole, irony, point of view, in medias res, epic, protagonist/antagonist, dynamic/static character, narrator.

ORAL PRESENTATION

- Students will be given a topic, ten minutes to prepare, and will deliver a persuasive presentation.
- Students will be provided a visual aide to refer to during the presentation.
- Presentation may be “live” in front of an evaluator or recorded.

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park adheres to the guidelines of the Common Core Standards (CCS), which are reflected in the English 9 test-out. For more information on CCS, visit corestandards.org.