

# CP ENGLISH 11 SYLLABUS:

Students will complete units, with the requisite skills, on:

- Origins of the English Language-Students will learn about where the language came from and read some of the first English writings, such as *Beowulf*, the epic poem. Students also had in depth discussions about *The Dream of Rood*, an early poem.
- Olde English and Middle English Texts- Students will read selections for *The Canterbury Tales* and other Middle English text , and will understand how they are structured and what traits they share. Students will complete a pilgrimage assignment in verse.
- Research Papers/ Novels- Students will read a novel, and then later research a topic, concept, or theme related to the novel and write an extended paper. Students will receive step -by-step instructions; the final draft is worth 300 points.
- Drama-Students will read/ watch/ perform Shakespeare's darkest play, *Macbeth*, and learn the components of dramatic literature as well as thematic concepts. Students will discuss multiple meanings and develop higher order thinking.
- Poetry- Students will read a variety of poems by Shakespeare, Marlowe, and Pope, among others. They will understand poetic constructs and literary and poetic techniques; they will also develop material for comparison and contrast.
- Standardized test preparation- Students in this class will be prepared for and take the Keystone Literature Exam
- Writing (ongoing throughout course) - Students will journal and develop formal writing skills, as well as creating works of their own to demonstrate an understanding of material.