

Core Literature – English Department

9th Grade

SHORT STORIES:

- Richard Connell: *The Most Dangerous Game*
- Guy de Maupassant: *The Necklace*
- O. Henry: *The Gift of the Magi* (Optional selection)

NON-FICTION:

- Abraham Lincoln: “Not Much of Me” and “With a Task Before Me”
- Alice Walker: “Choice: A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”
- Chief Joseph: “An Indian’s Views of Indian Affairs”

EPIC:

- Homer: *The Odyssey*

POETRY:

- Langston Hughes: “Harlem”
- Alice Walker: “Women”
- William Wordsworth: “I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud”
- William Shakespeare: “The Seven Ages of Man”

DRAMA:

- William Shakespeare: *Romeo and Juliet*

NOVEL (one of the following):

- Sandra Cisneros: *The House on Mango Street*
- John Steinbeck: *Of Mice and Men* **OR** *The Pearl*
- Harper Lee: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (H)