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9th grade Humanities

Freshman English Humanities spans from the roots of civilization to around 1500 AD, and considers cultures from around the world. In the course students are asked to annotate texts carefully to discuss them in a round table discussion and to write about them in both analytical and creative ways. Many basic styles of writing, such as short story, are introduced to the students, and they get a chance to try them out at a basic level. The experience is augmented by the study of vocabulary and a class blog for structured response. Texts considered include *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, *The Odyssey*, *The Canterbury Tales*, and *Romeo and Juliet*.

Ancient World - In this full year course, students will study the emergence and development of civilizations around the world. Students will discover patterns of human behavior in these global societies and will unveil similarities and differences among peoples of the past and present. They will analyze primary and secondary sources to understand the social, political, economic, and religious factors contributing to the rise, endurance, and fall of a civilization. Students will engage in a variety of learning activities: reading, note-taking, group and individual class work, essays, oral presentations, quizzes, creative projects, and exams. Ultimately, these activities will help students to become more open-minded, inquisitive, caring, intellectual, expressive young men and women.