

## English 9

- **The Shack** by William P. Young
- **The Success Principles for Teens** by Jack Canfield

### Directions

- Complete the downloadable *Major Works Data Sheet* for each of the assigned works.
- Complete each of the essay questions assigned.
- Bring data sheets and *typed essays* to class on the first day of school in pocket folder.

### Expository Essay Assignment

Each essay is to be typed on US Letter (8.5x11 inch) paper using double-spaced paragraphs composed of 5 or more sentences (use the downloadable Expository Five Paragraph Graphic Organizer as a guide). The font should be either Times New Roman or Helvetica/Arial with a point size of either 12 or 14.

#### Essay questions for **The Shack**:

1. Many readers find the first 4 chapters of **The Shack** almost too painful to read. Could the chapters have been written in a way that would be less painful without changing the book's message? Identify the message of the book and explain how the message would be changed or not changed if chapters were written in another way.
2. Does the novel's ultimate message satisfy you? Do you think it's possible to let go of control and certainty in life? Is it possible to live only in the present? How would living in the present impact your personal relationships and quality of life?

#### Essay questions for **The Success Principles for Teens**:

- Choose one goal you plan to achieve and explain in a thorough essay how you can use this book to plan and achieve that goal.

