

ENGLISH 9

Course Outline & Student Expectations

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Welcome to English 9! As a passionate lover of literature and your teacher-librarian, I am thrilled to also be your English teacher. It is my goal that our classroom will look much like a “book club” of sorts, with members who share, discuss, debate, defend and possibly change their perceptions as they interact with others.

“People use language to comprehend a wide range of literary and informational communications and to respond knowledgeably and critically to what they read, view, and hear. Students’ ability to understand and draw conclusions from communications – whether written, spoken, or displayed visually – and to defend their conclusions rationally is a major goal of the BC Language Arts curriculum”. (BC Min. of Ed.)

Poetry, short stories, novels, non-fiction and media will be explored in thematic units throughout the year. Evaluation will be ongoing throughout each term in a variety of ways to meet the varying needs of the learners. A lot of work will be assessed without numbers or percentages, using a scale of “Beginning, Developing, Skilled or Exemplary”, before a student receives a number mark. As well students, who consistently demonstrate exemplary work will be challenged.

My goal is to ensure that every student leaves this class a better writer, reader and communicator. My hope is that I will foster a lifetime love of reading in all of my students! ☺

Final course marks will be assigned as follows:

Daily assignments, Reading Response Journals, Lit. Circles, Quizzes	60%
E-Portfolio, Essays, Projects, Tests	40%

Required Class Materials

Please make sure that you come to class with your required supplies. These include: pen, pencil, binder and looseleaf, 2 “keytab” notebooks (ie/ Hilroy) to be used for your Reading Response Journal and your daily writing notebook, any assigned book we may be using as well as an independent (and approved) reading selection.

[Please note that your notebooks are needed by Tues. Sept. 10th]**

After Class Assistance

Students who are having difficulties, who have questions or would just like to talk are encouraged to arrange a time to meet with me either before school, at noon or after school. I can almost always be found in the library, but may not always be available, so be sure to email me or set up a time to meet with me.

Let’s make this a great year! ☺