

English 9 SYLLABUS

Teacher: Eric Brown
Room Location: 126
Course Length: year

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Course Description: This course is designed to introduce and reinforce a number of important Language Arts skills. Writing and reading skills will be stressed. A variety of literary genres will be studied. This course is required for all freshmen and fulfills 1 credit of the English requirement for graduation.

Grading Policy: Grades will be derived from total points awarded. Writing rubrics will be used for all major assignments. The Whitmer High School grading scale will be followed:

93-100	A	4.0
90-92	A-	3.7
87-89	B+	3.3
83-86	B	3.0
80-82	B-	2.7
77-79	C+	2.3
73-76	C	2.0
70-72	C-	1.7
67-69	D+	1.3
63-66	D	1.0
60-62	D-	0.7
0-59	F	0

Textbook: *Prentice Hall Literature: Language and Literacy* as well as various selections and novels.

Course Calendar: We will complete 7 units throughout the year.

- Unit 1-Close Reading of Literature and Writing as a Process- Narrative
- Unit 2-Analysis of a Major Literary Work in Historical/Cultural Context
- Unit 3-Expository Synthesis Essay
- Unit 4-Argument Writing with Counterclaim
- Unit 5-Introduction to Research Process
- Unit 6-Drama – Tragedy
- Unit 7-Reading and Analyzing Literature - Introduction to Mythology

Classroom Expectations:

1. Attendance-When you miss a day of school, it is your responsibility to check the make-up box to see what assignments you missed. You may make up assignments at the rate of one day for day missed (out for 2 days=2 days to make up assignments).

2. Homework-Any assignment not completed in class is expected to be completed as homework. Homework will be assigned 1-2 times per week. It is expected to be turned in when called for, though late work will be accepted for 10% penalty per day. **No assignment will be accepted after it is 10 days late.**
3. Be on time and prepared. Students should have all required materials upon entering the classroom. No locker passes will be issued. Materials are: 3-ring binder or folder, notebook paper, blue or black pen or pencil, and the assigned text or novel. Students are expected to be in the classroom when the bell rings. Those who accumulate tardies will receive the school designated consequence.
4. No electronic devices during class time. While students may be allowed to use various devices in other parts of the school building and grounds, I do not want to see any electronic devices used in my class. Make sure phones are turned on silent mode and all other devices are turned off.
5. Cheating/Plagiarism will NOT be tolerated. Taking someone else's spoken or written words and passing them off as one's own is plagiarism. You will be held accountable for plagiarism whether or not you meant to do it. We will do a number of activities to prevent this from happening, but should a student plagiarize, the assignment will receive a zero. Also, if a student is found to be cheating, they will receive academic and disciplinary consequences as allowed for in the student handbook.

Miscellaneous Information:

- Each student will be allowed passes to the restroom within reason. If there is a medical condition requiring frequent trips to the restroom, please make sure this is on file in the Nurse's Office. Unless there is a medical condition, asking to use the restroom daily is NOT reasonable.
- If your printer is not working, assignments may be emailed BY THE DEADLINE to ebrown@wls4kids.org. Please attach your assignment as a Word document. Printer issues are not excused.
- Advisory time is built into the class schedule this year. Also, I generally arrive at Whitmer by 7:00 in the morning and will be in my room until 1st block starts. Anyone needing assistance should see me during those times or make arrangements that are convenient for both teacher and student.
- One extra credit assignment will be given during the semester. The Book Talk assignment and details will be provided on a different paper discussed no later than the second day of class.
- Make-up assignments are located in the Make-up work box located in the back of the classroom. It is the student's responsibility to check this box after an absence. I will not chase students down to give them missing or make-up work.
- Should you lose an assignment, there is a box located in the back of the classroom with all extra copies in it. Get to it before the other students do!! I will not make more copies because a high number of students behaved irresponsibly.

The signed student and Parent/Guardian have read and understand the policies and expectations of Mr. Brown's English 9 class.

Student Name (printed)

Please return only this page of the syllabus to Mr. Brown by Friday, August 25 for 10 points. This counts as an assignment grade.