



English 9

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Course Units:

Trimester A

Fiction
Shakespeare/ *Romeo and Juliet*
Poetry
On-demand Essay Writing

Trimester B

Informational Texts
Argumentation/ *Lord of the Flies*
Research/ Argumentative Speech

**Independent reading will be worth 10% of students' grades each trimester. Bring independent reading material to class daily.*

**Grammar, vocabulary, and writing are incorporated into units.*

Trimester A

Common Assessments—10% of final grade
On-Demand Writing Assessment
Inference and Support

Trimester B

Common Assessments—10% of final grade
Informational Text Analysis
Argumentative Speech

Weighted Grades

- Daily Work 20%
- Tests/ Papers/Projects 60%
- Independent Reading 10%
- Common Summative Assessments 10%

Grading Scale

A = 93% or higher	B+ = 89.9% to 87%	C+ = 79.9% to 77%	D+ = 69.9% to 67%
A- = 90% to 92.9%	B = 86.9% to 83%	C = 76.9% to 73%	D = 66.9% to 63%
	B- = 82.9% to 80%	C- = 72.9% to 70%	D- = 62.9% to 60%

Grades will be posted on A-H Connect throughout each trimester.

Plagiarism: (see student handbook for consequences)

Plagiarism is copying or taking specific ideas from any source without giving credit to the source. Students must use quotation marks when they copy exactly from their resources. Students must identify the source of ideas, even if they change wording. Students should **always** do their own work in class unless given specific directions to work in a pair or a group. Copying another student's work is **NOT** acceptable, nor is volunteering their work for someone else to use. This is academic dishonesty and will be treated the same as plagiarism under the school policy.

Turnitin.com is a website we use to scan for student plagiarism. All major papers will be submitted to this website.

Due Dates and Deadlines:

Every assignment has a *due date*- this is considered the day that the assignment is due in class to the teacher. Anything turned in after the due date is considered late work.

Each unit has a *deadline*- this is considered the date that all late work, re-dos, and make-ups on assignments are due. This will usually coincide with the date of the unit assessment. After the deadline has passed, work for that unit will no longer be accepted.

Redo Policy:

Students are allowed to redo major assessments at teacher discretion. The assessment may be more difficult and the following criteria must be met prior to redoing:

- 1) All work for the unit has been turned in to the teacher.
- 2) The student will complete additional practice in order to prepare for the redo.
- 3) No redoing will be allowed during the last week of the trimester.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is crucial! Daily work includes lessons, group work and discussions that cannot be made up in any meaningful way.

If students miss a class, they are responsible for making sure to complete all work.

Students are allowed two days for each day absent. Unless work is completed in the allotted time, it will be considered late. On all work turned in at a later time due to absence, students should write "ABSENT" at the top of the paper and the date absent.

Tardy Policy:

Students must be in the classroom when the bell finishes ringing, or it will be considered a tardy.

Electronic Devices:

Use of electronic devices, including items such as iPods, cell phones, MP3 players, etc., is not allowed in my classroom unless being used for a teacher directed educational activity. Kindles, Nooks, or other E-readers are permitted at teacher discretion as long as the student is on task.

Parents or Guardians,

Please sign the statement below to ensure that we are all on the same page when it comes to school and classroom policies. This is your child's first assignment.

*I have read the course syllabus outlined above and understand that my child will be held accountable regarding these policies as well.

X _____ Date: _____

Please provide me with a valid e-mail address. E-mail is a quick way for me to keep you up to date on assignments, ask a quick question, or let you know how great your student is doing in my class. Please print the information below:

Student's Name _____ Hour _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's e-mail address _____