

ENGLISH 9

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GROWTH

Leave this class with more skills than when you arrived. If you need help or want to see a subject covered differently, speak up. Do everything you can to succeed.

CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY

Let us leave each other in a better condition than we found one another. Share your expertise, kindness, and appropriate humor.

PERSEVERANCE

When something is difficult, do it anyway. If you do something you think you are bad at, you will be better at it after several attempts. No one gets to give up.

CURIOSITY

Bring in ideas, literature, information, music, and so forth that you find interesting. Ask me if you can share them with the class. Pursue your own interests and cultivate curiosity about topics covered in class.

MAJOR TEXTS

OF MICE AND MEN

By John Steinbeck

FAREWELL TO MANZANAR

By James D. Houston and Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

ROMEO AND JULIET

By William Shakespeare

COLLECTIONS - TEXTBOOK

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

WRITING

ARGUMENTATIVE

Write arguments to support claims with relevant evidence.

EXPLANATORY

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey concepts.

NARRATIVE

Write narratives to develop real and imagined experiences using effective technique.

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REQUIRED MATERIALS

BOOK IN PLAY

BINDER AND SPIRAL NOTEBOOK

PENS AND NOTEBOOK PAPER

Any other materials per request of the teacher.

GRADING

CLASS PARTICIPATION

12%

If you come to class prepared with materials, you will receive half of your points for class participation. If you stay on task, collaborate, and work steadily, you will receive the other half.

WRITTEN ESSAYS AND PROJECTS

50%

This includes all written work and projects that are completed over time, with ample opportunity to improve the final submission.

NOTE TAKING, JOURNALS AND QUIZZES

22%

Notes, journals, and quizzes must be kept in binder throughout the semester.

HOMEWORK AND FINAL EXAM

16%

Homework will be worth ten percent. Doing all of your homework will raise your grade a whole grade point. The final exam will be worth 6% of your final grade in the first semester.

WORK SUBMISSION

LATE WORK - EXCUSED WORK ONLY

Late work will only be accepted if your absence was excused. You need to clear your absence through the office BEFORE you come to me, bring me your excused absence slip from the attendance office. If your absence was not excused, I will not accept late work.

EXTRA CREDIT

Extra credit is only for students who have finished every, single assignment and still want to do more work. Typically, these students don't really need extra credit. If you have missing work, late work, etc., you are not eligible for extra credit.

ESSAYS

Original draft must be handwritten (unless you have an individual accommodation precluding that). Final draft must be typed.

CITATIONS

ALL SOURCES MUST BE CITED

Failure to cite sources will result in an automatic F and dean referral.

CITATION WEBSITES

You may use citation websites such as:

Citefast.com

Sonofcitation.com

Easybib.com

However, I strongly recommend using Purdue Owl's site to find models that you can use to create your own.

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SHOW UP READY TO LEARN

BRING YOUR BEST SELF



NO FOOD OR TRASH LEFT BEHIND

No food of any kind in the classroom. Food and trash attract insects and other unmentionable vermin. Yuck!

NO CELL PHONES

If I see your phone, I will take it, lock it up, and return it at the end of the period. If you refuse to surrender it, you will receive detention.

NONSENSE

As you move into high school, your behavior should mirror that of an adult. You are changing, and so are our expectations of you.

SLEEPING

This is your job. Life is hard, but you cannot sleep on the job. In the real world, no manager can allow someone to sleep on the job during a 7.5 hour shift. If you need to sleep, ask for a pass to the nurse.

DREAM BIG

"Every great dream begins with the dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

—Harriet Tubman

