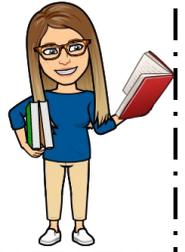


Welcome to English 9

Miss Beury, Room 127



WELCOME to 9th grade English! English 9 academic is meant to improve your reading analysis, writing, and speaking & listening skills. To do this, you will complete various reading and writing assignments. It is expected that you also are completing independent reading throughout the year and practicing your reading analysis skills outside of this class. Ninth grade is a big transition from middle school, but I am confident that you will all grow, learn, and have an excellent school year!

What We Read:

Every Falling Star, Sungju Lee
To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee
Romeo and Juliet, William Shakespeare
Various Poetry and Sonnets
Various Short Stories and News Articles
Various Fiction and Nonfiction excerpts
Passive permission forms coming



Skills We Cover:

- Email Etiquette
- Elements of Memoir
- Literary Analysis
- Close Reading Skills
- Research & Citations
- MLA format
- Integrating Quotations
- Identifying Voice
- Grammar & Punctuation

Virtual/Hybrid Learning

This year some students may be doing the hybrid option. We may also at some point move to a hybrid model or to full virtual learning. All policies still hold true, but know that we may have to adjust things like attendance. High school students are required to attend class virtually during their class period by completing the posted assignments in classroom **and/or** by attending a live Google Meet session if offered and required at the teacher's discretion. Deadlines do not change for virtual students.

Google Classroom Codes:

Pd 1: p63q3np Pd 5: b2musrl
Pd 2: oayqcv2 Pd 7: 47kyuys
Pd 3: eduep6x Pd 8: 44t7y4y

Note: Google Classroom and the Google Drive are available on phones and tablets, but they do not work as well on a phone. For this reason, I encourage you use your school chromebook even when offline and sync when you return to school. ALL GOOGLE DOCS & SLIDES ARE AVAILABLE OFFLINE.

Online Textbook

Your textbook can be found online at www.PearsonRealize.com. You can download PDFs of the textbook to your chromebook so you always have access, *even offline* from home.

Technology in the Classroom

In class this year we will be using a variety of tech tools to facilitate in-person and online learning. I use these tools during the regular school year, but this year especially they will play an important role in our daily routines. Make sure you add yourself to Google Classroom and participate in our required, and synchronous Google Meets.

Note: You are required to submit most assignments through Google Classroom.



Classroom Expectations

Respect **All** Individuals, **Demonstrate Excellence**, **Responsibility**, and **Safety!**

- Respectful means using **MANNERS** and being **COMPASSIONATE** towards other adults and students.
- Being responsible means you are coming to class **PREPARED** and owning up to your mistakes. Everyone makes them, but you have to admit to them to learn from them. It also means you have your binder, paper, novels/IR books, charged Chromebook, and any assignments complete.
- Excellence and safety means you are coming to class **ON TIME**. That means you are in my room **BEFORE** the late bell rings, with all of your materials organized and quickly accessible, reading your IR book.

***This includes when there is a substitute in my room.**

Ain't nobody got time fo' shenanigans, including the substitute.*

Late Work Policy

My policy is this: If I assign work, do it then. If you feel uncomfortable with something we are reading, please make me aware of the situation **AHEAD OF TIME**. You cannot abstain from learning, and I need time to prepare an alternate independent unit for you.

We all forget sometimes. It happens. **Every day an assignment is late it is -5%, up to 6 days including weekends.** If it is a weekend, take a picture with a smartphone and send me an email attachment! Or turn it in via Google Classroom (where most assignments will be submitted).

Note: Some students have accommodations pertaining to assignment completion. Please see me with any concerns.

Grade Scale

90-100%=A

80-89%= B

70-79%=C

60-69%=D

59% and below is an F. You must get a 60% overall in the course to pass for the year.

Be aware, if you do not pass 9th grade English, you will need to repeat the course to graduate.

Attendance

Attendance is important at the high school level as classes move quickly and there is an increased workload. It can become overwhelming for students to keep up with missing assignments due to extended or frequent absences. The best way to prevent this is to be in class whenever possible. I post to Google Classroom daily for you to see what we did while you were out. If you are missing notes, you need to get them from classroom OR from a friend. As per school policy, you have 1 day for every day you are out to turn in missing assignments due to absences. IF you are in school (**even for ½ a day**), you are responsible for turning in projects/work and getting what you missed that day. **Absent from class is not the same as absent from school.** All handouts can be found in the hanging folder slots for your class by the door or in electronic format via Google Classroom.

***Note:** Attendance for hybrid students is determined by participation in activities via Google Classroom **during the scheduled class period**. See the student handbook for clarification.

I am willing to work with you at **English Tutoring**, which is held once a week on Mondays in my room, 127, from 3:15-4:15pm. I am also available before or after school *by request*.

Make sure you study this syllabus; you will have a **quiz** on it next class.

Last but not least, **WELCOME TO CLASS!**

I am excited to have you all in class and can't wait to start working together!

