

English 9 Disclosure Document

Dear Students,

Welcome to English 9! I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with you this year. To help class run smoothly, here are some things you need to know.

I. Materials

- One section in your binder
- Journal/Spiral notebook
- Highlighters (3 colors)
- Folder

If you have trouble obtaining any of these items, please see me

- You will also be given a student workbook that may be kept in the classroom.

II. Expectations

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

III. Grading

- Grades will be made up of the following:
 - In-class work
 - Quizzes/Tests
 - Participation
 - Homework
 - Outside reading
 - Essays/Projects
- Grades will be posted to PowerSchool. I will do my best to post updates in a timely manner.
- Throughout the school year, you will be assessed according to the quality of your assignments and the growth of your understanding of the content. Accomplishing the required credit is essential for your learning experience. Extra credit opportunities are rare and will only be provided if required credit has been worked for. My grading system is as follows: 94-100 = **A** 90-93.9 = **A-** 87-89.9 = **B+** 83-86.9 = **B** 80-82.9 = **B-** 77-79.9 = **C+** 73-76.9 = **C** 70- 72.9= **C-** 67-69.9 = **D+** 63-66.9 = **D** 60- 62.9= **D-**

There is no reason that EVERY student cannot receive a passing grade in this class

IV. Tardy/Attendance

- We will be following Timpview's new attendance policy. You are expected to be in your seat and starting on Bell Work when the bell rings. If you are not in the classroom **at all** when the bell rings you will be marked Tardy. You will NOT be allowed to make up work missed due to unexcused tardiness.
- If you are ever tardy or absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and collect the necessary assignments. To find missed assignments, check the 'Absent Work Bin', the class website, and/or googleclassroom.com. If you have any questions I am happy to assist you.

V. Bathroom Passes/Leaving Class

- You are expected to use the bathroom and take care of other errands before and after class. However, I understand that emergencies happen. You may leave for important reasons as long as you ask for permission at appropriate times and return in a timely manner.

VI. Late Work

- All work should be turned in on time, but I completely understand that emergencies happen and sometimes an extension is necessary. When this occurs I will accept late work without deducting points as long as you discuss the matter with me and we decide your new deadline. If it is not an emergency, you get one pass per term to turn late work in at the beginning of the next class period without points being deducted. If you have late work and your one pass has been used, you can turn it in at the beginning of the next class period and 10% will be deducted. After that the assignment will no longer be accepted. Assessments/in-class activities you miss have one week to be made up before receiving 'no credit.' All late work must be turned in with a 'Late Work Report' in the 'Late Work' basket.
- Exceptions may be made for certain cases.

- If you know you are going to be absent, come and talk to me as soon as you are aware. It is your responsibility to get as much of it done beforehand, rather than after you return. At the time you come to speak with me about your absence we will also decide an appropriate deadline for these assignments.

VII. Electronics

- Technology is a great tool that we will utilize often in the classroom. However, cell phones and other electronics (including earphones) should not be seen or heard unless they are being used for specific instructional purposes. The first infraction will result in your only warning. The second will result in the confiscation of the electronic, which will be kept in my classroom until you retrieve it at the end of the day. If it occurs again it will be given to the front office to take care of. Refusal to hand over an electronic device will immediately result in detention and parents/guardians may be notified.

VIII. Academic Integrity

- Students shall not misrepresent examination materials, writing, homework, or other assignments as their own when they are someone else's work. If cheating occurs, an automatic zero will replace any score, we will make a phone call home, and administration will be notified. Remember that aiding a cheater is also considered cheating. We will clearly define plagiarism in class.

IX. Books

- *Whiligig* by Paul Fleischman
- *Greek Gods, Monsters, and Heroes* by Bernard Evslin
- *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak

X. Films

- Clash of the Titans 1981 Desmond Davis PG
- Romeo + Juliet 1996 Baz Luhrmann PG-13
- To Kill a Mockingbird 1962 Robert Mulligan NR
- Romeo and Juliet 2013 Carlo Carlei PG-13
- The Book Thief 2013 Brian Percival PG-13

If you or your parent/guardian has concerns about any of the texts or films, please inform Mrs. Crawley

XI. Unit Overview

- Semester 1

| Unit | Book | Focus |
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| 1 | <i>Whiligig</i> by Paul Fleischman | Discussion and Paragraph Writing |
| 2 | <i>Greek Gods, Monsters, and Heroes</i> by Bernard Evslin | Analysis Essay Writing and Presentations |
| 3 | <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by William Shakespeare | Argument Writing |

- Semester 2

| Unit | Book | Focus |
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| 4 | <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee | Research and Analysis Writing |
| 5 | <i>The Book Thief</i> by Marcus Zusak | Narrative Writing |

At least one major essay and project to be expected in each unit

Overall, I look forward to an exciting school year with you. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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