

English 9

Semester 1 2009

Mrs. Lee Room 105

Course #074/075 1 Credit

Course Description

English 9 consists of a combination of writing, grammar and literature. The writing process is introduced and used as the basis of written expression. The study of grammar completes the work on parts of speech and introduces the study of sentence structure and the use of transitional words and phrases in the paragraph. There will be weekly leveled spelling tests. The literature portion of the course introduces the study of the short story, nonfiction, poetry and the novel as types of literature. Vocabulary quizzes related to each literature unit will be incorporated as appropriate. Students must complete 7.5 points of Accelerated Reader each quarter. Books must be reading level seven or above. Students will begin their study of Shakespeare with the study of Romeo and Juliet.

Grammar

The Sentence and Its Parts

Writing Complete Sentences

Nouns

Pronouns

Verbs

Modifiers

Prepositions, Conjunctions & Interjections

Verbals

Literature

Studying the Plot

Analyzing Characters

Determining Point of View

Discovering Setting

Understanding Theme

Television Drama

Romeo and Juliet

Nonfiction

Major Assignments/Tests

1. Eight Grammar Chapter Tests
2. Weekly Spelling Tests
3. Seven Vocabulary Tests
4. Composition Writing
5. Literature Tests and Quizzes
6. Romeo and Juliet Project

Major Project

Students will complete a project which explores some aspect of life in Elizabethan England or Renaissance Italy or researches William Shakespeare's life and/or work. They may choose from a variety of project options including, but not limited to, the following: video production, computer generated production, model building, cooking, drawing, writing or costume designing. Students will present their projects to the class.

Evaluation

A to A- (92-100%)	All grades are calculated on a percentage system
B+ to B- (83-91%)	based on total points possible. Each
C+ to C- (74-82%)	assignment, test, quiz or project is given a point
D+ to D- (65-73%)	value which varies according to the project's
F/NC = Below 65%	length and structure. The final letter grade is computed according to the scale at left.

Classroom Policies

Students are to come to class prepared for the day's activities. This preparation includes having all necessary materials with them (paper, pen/pencil, books, etc.). Students will not be excused to return to their lockers for forgotten items. Students are expected to turn homework in when due. Late work is not accepted, unless it is due to illness or exceptional circumstances. Students must arrive on time. They should be in the classroom and heading toward their seats when the bell rings. Tardies will be handled according to student handbook guidelines. There is no food or gum allowed in the classroom. The only beverage allowed is water. Courtesy for all members of the class will be displayed at all times.

Contact Information

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Available conference times outside of class: 7:45 - 9:05 or 3:06 - 3:30