

## English 10 Course Outline

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In English 10, we will study short stories, poetry, novels, drama, and non-fiction. During this course, we will be working to develop your persuasive writing skills, your critical thinking skills, and your ability to work productively with others. This year, our readings will include Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, Steven Galloway's *Finnie Walsh*, and William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

### Expectations

In order to have a class where each student can learn and do his/her best work, everyone will be expected to:

- attend every class on time with appropriate materials (binder, paper, texts, pen/pencil)
- work productively in class and complete assigned work
- contribute to a respectful, tolerant and clean classroom environment
- be organized

### Assessment & Evaluation

Assessment is the systematic gathering of information about what students know, are able to do, and are working towards. Assessment strategies include

- Creative Writing
- Research Assignment
- Paragraph Writing
- Provincial Exam
- Literary Essay
- Personal Essay
- Dramatic Presentation
- Unit Tests/Quizzes
- Multi-Media Project
- Synthesis Essay

### Course Mark Distribution:

Take-Home Assignments, Homework, & Projects	50%
In-Class Timed-Writing, Tests, & Quizzes	25%
Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (USSR)	5%
Provincial Exam	20%

HOMEWORK will be assigned on a regular basis in manageable amounts. It will be checked regularly and reviewed the day after it is assigned. It is essential that students complete all of their assigned homework to maximize their opportunities for success in the course.

UNIT TESTS will be given at the end of most units. The dates will be announced well in advance. Test rewrites are not permitted.

QUIZZES will be given with or without warning, usually at the beginning of class. If a student misses a quiz because of an unexcused late, no opportunity will be given to make up the quiz.

TAKE-HOME ASSIGNMENTS and PROJECTS will be assigned throughout each unit. Evaluation rubrics will be provided or co-constructed with students.

IN-CLASS TIMED WRITING will occur regularly throughout the semester. Timed writing is an important exam skill.

## **Course Expectations**

### **DUE DATES:**

Homework is always due the next day. If it is not complete during a homework check, students will not be able to hand it in later for credit since we will review the answers during class. Students with excused absences will not be penalized.

Late assignments and projects will not be accepted without a late work form signed by a parent/guardian. Students have up to one week after a missed due date to submit late work accompanied with a late form signed by a parent or guardian. **An ongoing problem with late assignments will result in a referral to counseling or school based team on an individual basis.**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed (notes and assignments). Be proactive!

1. Contact a classmate
2. Check Ms. Tong's website: [claremont.sd63.bc.ca](http://claremont.sd63.bc.ca)
3. Talk to Ms. Tong when you get back to arrange possible extensions on assignment due dates.

If you are absent, please remind your parents to call the school absence line: 250-658-6666 or e-mail: [claremont\\_attendance@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:claremont_attendance@sd63.bc.ca)

**OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE UP ASSIGNMENTS OR TESTS FOR CREDIT WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WITH UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.**

### **Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading**

- Every class, students will receive 15 minutes to read silently. After completing a book, students must hand in a completed USSR form to Ms. Tong.
- At the end of each term, students will be interviewed and a mark will be created holistically and collaboratively.
- To achieve an **A** in silent reading, students must read at least one classic novel and at least one novel from the grade 10 book list.
- To achieve a **B** in silent reading, students must read at least one Classic novel or at least one novel from the grade 10 book list. Book lists can be found on Ms. Tong's website.