

English 9 Course Outline

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In English 9, we will study short stories, poetry, novels, drama, and non-fiction. We will also develop your writing, reading, and speaking skills, as well as your ability to work productively with others.

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
- arrive to class on time with appropriate materials (notebook, texts, pen/pencil)
- work productively in class and complete assigned work
- contribute to a respectful, tolerant and clean classroom environment

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
- Media Projects
- Research Assignments
- Quizzes
- Unit Tests
- Dramatic Presentation
- Literary Paragraphs
- Literary Essays
- Presentations to the Class

Mark Distribution:

Take Home Assignments & Projects	45%
In Class Timed Writing, Tests, and Quizzes	25%
Interactive Notebook & Homework	10%
Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading	5%
Final Exam	15%

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

UNIT TESTS will be given at the end of each unit. 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.

INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOKS will be marked once per unit on the day of a unit test. Students are expected to keep their notebooks up to date in the proper format. (Refer to Interactive Notebook Rubric)

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.

UNINTERRUPTED SUSTAINED SILENT READING (USSR)

The English Department believes that students becoming better at writing and thinking if they read more. That is why every English class designates 15 minutes of class time for reading. We encourage all of our students to make time for reading at home each day. Your grade for USSR will be based on both teacher and self-evaluation.

In English 9, you will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Use of time
- Preparedness
- Variety of genres and difficulty level of readings
- Completion of USSR Response Forms

Resource Materials

You will need the following supplies for English 9. Be sure to bring these items to class on a daily basis:

- English course textbooks
- 200 page coil notebook (for English work only)
- a glue stick or a spool of tape
- a ruler or straight edge
- a package of pencil crayons or fine-tipped felts

Course Expectations

ATTENDANCE:

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

1. Check Ms. Tong's homework website @ claremont.sd63.bc.ca
2. Contact a classmate
3. Talk to Ms. Tong when you get back to arrange possible extensions on assignment due dates or to reschedule missed tests/quizzes.

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

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

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.

Although it is not recommended, students may hand in assignments and projects late for credit; however, there is a penalty of 10% day until the end of the week that the assignment is due. Friday is always the final deadline for any given assignment or project. Any assignments not received by the end of Friday will receive a Zero (0) as the final grade for the assignment. In cases where the missed learning evaluates specific Prescribed Learning Outcomes not covered in other areas of course work, students will be required to complete the assignment in order to pass the course - no mark will be granted.