

Queen Creek High School – Mr. Greenwood, Room A214
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English 9 Class Syllabus, Summer/Fall 2014

Attendance

Being in class everyday is important for learning. If you are absent for any reason, it is your responsibility to find out what classwork and homework that you missed since you are still responsible for making up all work. Classwork and homework are left in the folders attached to the front wall for students who missed the work due to an absence. You will receive the same number of days that you were absent to turn in any missed work. Missed tests and in-class essays must be made-up during achievement hour or after school in order to receive credit.

Grades

Grades are earned and are not given out by the instructor. Grading will be earned through points based on the quality of your work. Students' grades will be based on a variety of assignments, including written essays, classroom participation, presentations, homework, and tests. To receive an A, students must have at least 90% of the possible points; a B requires 80-89.9% of the possible points; a C requires 70-79.9 possible points; a D requires 60-69.9% of the possible points. Anything below 59.9% of the possible points will be considered an F. If you put forth a strong effort, you will pass this class.

Suggested Supplies

- 2 black or blue ink pens
- Notebook paper
- 1 spiral notebook

These are basic items needed in class everyday. You need to have these items on a daily basis in order to pass this class.

Classwork

Students are expected to participate in all class activities so that they can succeed in the class. Failure to do so will result in negative consequences like staying after class or not being allowed to use the hall pass. All classwork should be kept in your spiral notebook for the length of each semester unless noted otherwise. Bring your notebook to class everyday. Notebook work will be collected at random intervals and will account for about 30% of your grade.

Norms and Expectations

Our classroom is a community. Rules are based on mutual respect and the desire to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. Failure to meet these expectations will result in negative consequences like staying after class, phone calls made to parents, etc.

1) Students will remain in their seats unless given permission to move. Students must also respect the space and safety of others by keeping all hands and other objects to themselves.

- 2) In order to allow students the opportunity to participate, students will not talk while Mr. Greenwood or any student is speaking. Only one person should be speaking at any given time.
- 3) In order to keep the classroom clean, ALL food is prohibited. Bringing food into the classroom will result in negative consequences, and the food will be placed in the trash. Drinks are acceptable as long as they have a screw-on top.
- 4) Graffiti is unacceptable on desks, books, and anything else that is considered school property. If you see any graffiti on your desk, it is your responsibility to inform the teacher so that you will not be held responsible for it.
- 5) All electronics including CD players, headsets, video games, IPODs, and cell phones are strictly prohibited. If the instructor sees any such items in class, they will immediately be confiscated. If you refuse to hand it over, you will be sent to the administration office.
- 6) Students must be in their seats ready to work when the bell rings. School policy is very strict regarding tardiness, and all tardy students must be sent to get a SWEEP slip. If you are late to class, you must have a SWEEP slip. Be on time so you can be successful!
- 7) Cheating and plagiarism will result in failure of the assignment and parent notification. It is expected that all work turned in by the students is completely their own.
- 8) The hall pass is only given out on a limited basis. Students that do not participate in class or do not complete homework will not be allowed to use the hall pass. Be prepared to show your classwork to the teacher in order to receive permission to use the hall pass, and do not interrupt class to ask for the pass. No more than one person at a time can use the hall pass, and you must fill out the hall pass sheet before leaving. No more than five minutes is allowed for use of the hall pass. When you return with the hall pass, you must return it to its designated location. If you fail to follow these rules, you will no longer be allowed to use the hall pass.

Consequences

If a student fails to follow the code of conduct for the school and class, the following negative consequences will take place:

- 1st occurrence: Warning
- 2nd occurrence: Teacher / Student Conference
- 3rd occurrence: Phone call to parent / guardian
- 4th occurrence: Referral to the Administration or Principal

Positive consequences include the following: Verbal praise, positive phone calls home, and special privileges

Homework and Assignments

All homework assignments must be turned in at the beginning of the period on the due date. If you arrive tardy to class, you must immediately turn in the assignment to get credit for it. Late assignments will receive half credit. Typed pages are not required but are always preferred.

Literature

The following novels and plays may be read during the school year:

<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	<i>Night</i>	<i>The Odyssey</i>
<i>The Most Dangerous Game</i>	<i>Marigolds</i>	<i>The Sniper</i>

Outside Reading

Each semester, students will also be required to conduct outside reading and prepare a book report on such reading. Whatever book you choose should have at least a 9th grade reading level and be at least 175 pages long. Books must be approved by the teacher to be considered acceptable. More detailed instructions will be provided later.

Outside Help

I am available for help outside of class during achievement hour from 7:25 to 8:13 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and after school until 3p.m most days.

Please complete the section under the dotted line and return to Mr. Greenwood by the end of the week. Turning in this sheet counts as a 10 point assignment.

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I have read the above expectations and accept the responsibility for adhering to them.

Student Name (Print):_____ Period:_____

Student Signature:_____

Parent Name (Print):_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

Phone #(s) _____

Parent emails: _____

Please initial one of the following:

_____ I approve of my child watching videos of or related to the literature read in class. Any videos shown will be edited to make them appropriate for school viewing.

_____ I do not want my child to watch any videos of or related to the literature read in class. I would prefer that my child be sent to another classroom with an alternate activity during such instances.