

ENGLISH CLASS

9th Grade Edition, 2019-2020

TEACHER INFO

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Welcome to 9th grade! Get ready for a challenging, but awesome year. I am so excited to get to know you and to help you grow as a reader, writer, editor, and speaker, as well as to prepare you for high school and your life beyond education.

Schedule

8:00- 8:47	1st	ENG IV
8:51-9:43	2nd	ENG IV
9:47-10:34	3rd	ENG IV
10:38-11:25	4th	ENG I
A LUNCH	11:29-12:00	
12:04-12:52	5th	ENG I
12:56-1:43	6th	READING
1:47-2:34	7th	CONF.
2:38-3:26	8th	ENG I

Getting Help

There's more than one way!

1. Before school
2. At school: during class
3. After school: tutoring M-TH from 3:30-4:30
4. Email: email me your questions!

Sometimes it could only take a few minutes to go back over something you don't understand!

Classroom Supplies

Be sure to visit my Amazon Classroom wish list for supplies needed for the students to use in the classroom!

Thank you so much for your donation.



EXPECTATIONS

Classroom Rules

1. **Listen** to the teacher, and ignore others who try to distract you!
2. **Follow directions!** :)
3. **Keep a positive attitude.** Don't judge a person, book, or assignment too soon.
4. **Assignments are due in the first 5 minutes of class.**
5. **Bathroom.** Take care of your personal needs before class. Let me know you are going before the warning bell rings and I will not count you tardy. Don't abuse this!
6. **Be proactive.** Plan ahead. Do not assume you will get an extension if you ask for one.
7. **Be prepared.** You must have a signed parent note to print, do it before my class starts!
8. **Ask for help!** I can't help you if you are silent when confused!
9. **Be respectful.** Please do not have side conversations.
10. **No phones.** Keep phones put away. If you are caught on your phone, it will be taken up.

Materials

- Binder
- 5 dividers
- Independent reading book
- Pen or pencil
- Highlighter
- Loose-leaf paper

Your Binder

You will need 5 dividers for your binder. We will use some sections more than others, depending on the Unit we are working in. Please keep up with all work, papers, handouts and notes. I will tell you where to keep everything as we get to it.

The sections used will be:

- Literature
- Writing
- Conventions/Grammar
- Listening/Speaking
- AOW/ Research

CLASSWORK

Possible Texts

As always, I will start with a list of novels that are available from our class sets for reading this year, but it is up for debate and open to suggestion:

- Romeo and Juliet
- Night
- Many short stories
- Poetry
- Various short stories

Possible Projects

- Comic strips
- Creative and expository writing
- Novel essays
- Personal narratives
- Poetry
- Book reviews
- Article of the Week
- Vocabulary

Technology

We will use the following websites/software regularly on school devices:

- Quizlet
- Google Apps (Classroom, Docs, Slides, and Drive)

Remember to follow school policies for technology use and to keep track of your own usernames and passwords! If you forget your login, I might not be able to help!

FAQ's

Q: **Can I throw this paper out?**

A: NO! You never know if you'll need that paper for a midterm, final exam or as a reference. Ask me before you throw ANYTHING away!

Q: **Do we have homework tonight?**

A: YES! Even if you are fully caught up on all assignments, you should be working ahead or doing some independent reading.

Q: **What if I disagree with, or have a question about, one of my grades?**

A: The BEST option is to chat with me in person, when we can BOTH look at an assignment and discuss it. If necessary, you are welcome to send me a detailed email about the concern.

WORK POLICIES

Late Work

Students will be notified of when each assignment is due. After the due date the highest grade available will be a 70. Students have one week from the original due date to turn in late work. Work will NOT be accepted after the one-week time period. A zero will be entered at that time. There will be NO exceptions for not turning in work at all.

Revision Policy

Even professional writers usually don't do well on the first draft, so our class has a standard revision policy for assignments.

If you wish to raise a grade on a daily grade assignment, you may get ONE chance to raise it. Please turn in a revised copy in a different color ink within FIVE SCHOOL DAYS of receiving that grade.

You may retake a failed test before or after school for a highest possible grade of a 70. Please get with me to schedule a time and be sure to study

If you do not meet the five-day deadline or do not succeed in turning in a draft that is actually better, then you are not given additional chances.

If you're ever unsure about what to revise or how, please see me and do not wait until the last minute.

Absence Policy

If you miss a class for any reason, here's what you do:

- ❑ Check the Absent folders first for your class period.
- ❑ Ask me ASAP what you missed. I will chat with you about when to make up any missed tests, quizzes, or lessons.
- ❑ Turn in any projects or assignments that were due on the day(s) you were absent.
- ❑ Do not rely on friends. They might forget important details.
- ❑ Be prepared to take a missed test or quiz ASAP. You are not guaranteed extra days to study.

OTHER POLICIES

Independent Reading

We will be reading in this class. You will be responsible for having a book to read, or you can choose one from my classroom library or the school library. Independent reading time is to read. Not to talk or play around. Reading logs will be kept as well as conferencing.

The books you choose must be:

- School appropriate
- Ones that your parents would approve of
- An appropriate length
- An appropriate reading level (not too easy or difficult)

If you ever need help finding a book, I can recommend some. However, it's a good life skill to not just rely on a teacher. Think about what kind of movies you like to watch, find those kind books! Please also ask a friend or the librarian!

If I have a concern about a book you're reading, I'm allowed to "veto" it or contact your parent(s).

I will also pass out order forms for Scholastic Book orders as soon as they are available.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Just don't do it. If I discover that you have used someone else's work as your own on purpose you will get an automatic zero for that assignment, not matter how small it may be. If you have done so by accident (say, by using a quote and not citing it correctly) you will have one chance to redo the assignment.

Document Formatting

Anytime you are submitting a typed document (either printing it or turning it in electronically), make sure it includes the following MLA guidelines:

- ❖ Running header, upper right corner, with last name and page #
- ❖ Heading on first page (left), with your name, class period & due date
- ❖ Centered title
- ❖ 1" margins
- ❖ Double spacing
- ❖ Arial 11
- ❖ No extra spaces between paragraphs, headings or titles
- ❖ No excessive spacing, bolding, italics, or photos

Flexible Seating

I will be incorporating a new seating arrangement in my class this year. This concept will allow students the opportunity to choose seating they will be more comfortable with. If the seating can not be respected, students will be moved to a regular desk. Sleeping in class is NOT an option.

F- Find a working seat that works best for you.

L- Look, Listen, and Learn in your seat

E-Every time- use your seat the right way!

X- eXceed our class expectations!

I- I (Mrs Hock) can move anyone at any time if they don't follow the rules

B- Be responsible for our class seating and supplies

L- Leave an area better than you found it

E- Enter everything and every day positively

COMMUNICATION WITH MRS HOCK

I will send out reminders to the students about homework, assignments or tests coming up through the Remind app.

To join the English I class please enter this number
81010
and text this message
@dgf9ea

Or go to https://remind.com/join_dgf9ea

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Please understand that I cannot guarantee email responses after 8:00 at night. Thank you.

I HAVE READ THIS

Student _____ Date _____

Parent email address _____