

Forsyth Jr. & Sr. High

English 9

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Instructor Availability for Assistance: I am available in the morning before school between 7:30-8:00 a.m., during my prep period 12:47-1:40 pm, and after school between 3:45-4:30 p.m. most days. This schedule is subject to change with school activities and duties I participate in. The best way to reach me is to call or email me to set up a time to meet that will work best for everyone.

Course Description: During the course of this year the students will learn about historically significant periods of literature, basic to more complex writing skills in both formal and informal writing, proper grammar and usage, MLA formatting, speechwriting and much more.

Textbooks, Novels, Materials Used: We will be using the Holt McDougal Literature Grade 9 English Textbook, selected stories from Mythology by Edith Hamilton, The Odyssey by Homer, Romeo and Juliet by Shakespeare, To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, and Lord of the Flies by William Golding. Others added as appropriate.

Supplies Needed: The students will need wide-ruled notebook paper, pens and pencils, highlighters, a flash drive, and a folder or binder.

Course Overview:

- Three novels by various authors.
- One longer paper written about a United States President in MLA format.
- Shorter timed writing essays.
- Various larger essays such as compare/contrast, persuasive...etc.
- Four personal book reports.
- Many units from the literature book will be covered either in entirety or sporadically as deemed appropriate and as time allows.
- Several speeches varying in point value and length.

Grading: Participation points are 5-10 pts, Regular Class Assignments vary from 20-150 pts., Quizzes fall between 50-150 pts., and Tests are 100-250 pts. Semester tests will be worth 10% of total semester grade. All grades are based on the 2017-2018 Forsyth High School Grading Scale.

A = 100-96
A- = 95-92
B+ = 91-89

B = 88-86
B- = 85-83
C+ = 82-80

C = 79-77
C- = 76-74
D+ = 73-71

D = 70-68
D- = 67-65
F = 64 and below

Rules and Expectations:

1. Be on time, on task, and prepared to learn EVERY DAY!
2. Respect the teacher, the classroom, other students, and yourself.
3. Be responsible for your own learning.
4. Clean up after yourself and your peers.
5. Keep all personal electronics PUT AWAY.
6. Food not welcome, gum allowed.
7. Turn in homework on due.

Consequences:

1. First offense: warning to stop whatever will get you in trouble.
2. Second offense: automatic confiscation of device/loss of privileges such as games or removed from class with teacher conference after school. Devices and privileges will be returned at the end of the day—fresh day the next day.
3. Third Offense: automatic confiscation of device to office, removal from classroom, and detention.

Cheating/Plagiarism: Forsyth Public Schools has a zero tolerance policy of cheating and plagiarism. Any student violating this policy by using, without crediting, another person’s work will receive a zero on that assignment. This also includes copying another student’s work with or without permission. Please refer to the student handbook p. 20 for a complete list of consequences.

Homework and Makeup Work: Homework is to be made up ahead of time and turned in before leaving school if absence is known/planned including for sports and clubs. If absence is unexpected the student will have two days following their return to school to get and make up the work on their own time. If the student fails to turn in the missing work zeros will be entered in the gradebook and the student has until the end of the week to turn in the work and receive partial credit or until the following Monday if the day falls at the end of the week, otherwise the grade will remain a zero and credit cannot be recovered.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date