

ENGLISH 9

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<http://www.wlake.org/WhsTeachers/Neville/index.htm>

COURSE EXPECTATIONS











The Five Rules:

- 1) **Be respectful of your teachers, your school, and your peers.** This includes not talking during class, not writing on desks, not swearing, etc.
- 2) **You may only have food, drink, or electronics in the classroom when special permission is given.** No electronics will be permitted in the room on test or quiz days.
- 3) **You must stay in your assigned seat from the time the tardy bell rings to the end of the class.** You MAY NOT get a drink of water during class, use the restroom, throw something away, etc. while class is in session. You should always have more than one writing utensil so you do not have to get up and sharpen your pencil.
- 4) **Come to class prepared.** You should have paper, your English binder, the book we are using, two or more writing utensils, your homework, and anything else you are assigned to bring. You will not be allowed to go back to your locker.
- 5) **Handle personal matters on personal time, not class time.** No personal talk or gossip will occur during class time. Cell phones should be turned off in school. Grooming should take place in the bathroom.

YOUR BINDER:

Your binder needs to remain organized. There will be spontaneous binder-checks. Your binder should be divided (with dividers) into five sections: NOTES & HANDOUTS, VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR, and WRITING. Everything should be dated.

What to Look Forward To:

-  Short stories
-  Independent novels
-  Mythology
-  *The Odyssey*
-  Nonfiction
-  Poetry
-  *Romeo and Juliet*
-  Narrative Essay
-  Comparison/Contrast essay
-  Persuasive Research Paper
-  Literary Analysis
-  MLA style
-  Vocabulary
-  Grammar/Mechanics

Policies:

- 1) **Agendas:** You may not leave the room without an agenda. You must keep track of your homework in your agenda on a daily basis.
- 2) **Cheating:** All cheating and plagiarism results in a ZERO.
- 3) **Tardy:** You will receive a teacher detention or be sent to the office, based on prior offenses, etc.
- 4) **Late work:** Small assignments receive a zero if late, large assignments (essays, projects) receive 50% credit if late. An assignment is late if it is not handed in during the class period in which it is due.
- 5) **ABSENCES/MAKE UP WORK:**
 - a. **When you are absent:** Check both the class calendar AND with a trustworthy classmate. Be sure to schedule any make up tests or quizzes with me **THE DAY YOU RETURN**. Make up work is due within ONE DAY of return. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE UP WORK AND ACCESS MISSED INFORMATION. I WILL NOT APPROACH YOU TO MAKE UP WORK, TESTS, QUIZZES, ETC. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO APPROACH ME!**
 - b. **Unexcused absences:** No work will be eligible for make-up. All work due/assigned on this day(s) will receive a zero.
 - c. **Please see page 26 in the WHS parent/student for clarification on all absence policies.**
- 6) **Major assignments:**
 - a. All cheating and plagiarism will result in a zero
 - b. The assignment is considered late if it is not handed in during the class period when it is due; this means that the paper must be **PRINTED** in completed form in order to be accepted.
 - c. The only acceptable excuse for a late paper/long term assignment would be absence from school the entire day that the paper/long term assignment was due. The paper will be due immediately upon return to the building
 - d. Papers that are incomplete/do not meet the requirements of the assignment will not be accepted as on time
 - e. No paper will be accepted without a signed policy on file

Other Things to Note:

- Grades will be updated online at least twice per quarter, at the midterm and final week of the quarter
- You can email me questions in the evening, but it is not guaranteed that I will respond so it is best to start projects early and ask questions ahead of time.
- Assignments will be posted on the English 9 calendar when possible; all things posted on my website are subject to change so pay attention in class!
- Participate in class as much as possible.
- You may need to purchase books/get books from the library throughout the year that we will read.

Supplies You Will Need:

- Black or blue pen or pencil for daily use (keep at least 4-5 extra packs of pens in your locker!)
- Red pen for grading
- Flash drive (can be used for other classes as well)
- Filler paper
- A binder at least 1" (to be used for English ONLY, you cannot use this binder for other classes)
- An unused pocket folder to keep in the classroom
- **Vocabulary book and *Writer's Inc.* (purchased at WHS)**
- Also, you will need to cover your text book
- Container of antibacterial wipes with your name on it (for extra credit)

ALL SUPPLIES ARE DUE BY MONDAY AUGUST 29th, 2011