



Golden Valley High School: English I Course Description

Mrs. Davis & Mr. Hunter Room 107

Course Description: This English 9 course is a standards-based curriculum designed to help students prepare to become contributing members of society. Through literature and a focus on written expression, students will be guided to think critically about important themes and issues, critically analyze themselves and the world around them, learn to ask meaningful questions, and clearly express themselves verbally and in writing. Additionally, reading strategies are introduced and practiced through analysis, comprehension, and interpretation.

Each student will be able to:

1. Explore the world and relationships through Modern Literature.
2. Develop sophisticated writing skills, focusing on writing as a process.
3. Study and practice formal essay writing with emphasis on the Interpretative and Report of Information elements.
4. Practice public speaking skills.
5. Develop reading strategies, study and listening skills.
6. Learn to appreciate and tolerate other's opinions.
7. Demonstrate growth by completing diagnostic and summative assessments, progress assessments and a frosh writing assessment.
8. Research a topic and learn techniques to analyze information.

Grading Scale

Grades are not given, but earned. Progress reports will be available about every 4 ½ weeks.

90%- 100% = A

80%- 89% = B

70%- 79% = C

60%- 69% = D

Below 60% = F

Course Policies & Expectations

Some of the best ways to be successful in the classroom are:

- Be present (you can't learn if you're not here)
- Be prepared
- Be polite

We expect quality production on all assignments and no incomplete work.

***If you're unclear about an assignment, make an attempt, turn it in, and conference with the teacher. It's better to attempt an assignment than not do it at all.**

Absences and Tardiness

1. Students are responsible for making up all class work and homework assigned during his/her absence. Students have one week to complete make up work.
2. Tests and quizzes may be taken early if arranged with me, and can only be taken late if arrangements have been made prior to the original test date.
3. No late work is accepted for full credit without prior approval from Mr. Hunter or Mrs. Davis
4. MOST WORK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT: gvhs.davishunter.weebly.com

Tardy means not sitting in seat and prepared for class (pencil, paper, start up, etc.) when the final class bell rings.

Cradis, Cindy. "English 9: Seeking To Understand." *Del Oro High School Course Syllabus/Googledocs.com*.
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