



Welcome to English 9/9 Advanced
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Materials:

- College-ruled spiral-bound notebook (3 subjects or more)
- Loose-leaf college-ruled paper
- Pens/pencils
- Highlighters
- Post-its
- Outside Reading books
- Access to a computer/printer (if one is not available at home, the library and my computer/printer can be available)

Late Work:

Late work will be taken one day late for **partial** credit. Two Class Cash dollars can be used to turn work in **one day late without the late penalty**. Essays and projects lose 10% per day they are late, and **Class Cash cannot be used** with these assignments.

Absent Work:

If you are absent, collect the work for the days you missed. See me to make up any tests/quizzes or for any questions you have. You have twice as long to make up work as you were absent (example, if you were absent one day, you have two days to turn in work and make up tests/quizzes). Work for **unexcused** absences will not be accepted – parents/guardians must clear absences with the attendance office.

Getting Help:

The best way to get help is to ask – I cannot help if I do not know what you need help with! My office hours are Tuesday and Thursday at lunch, or by appointment.

Grades:

A great deal of work will be done in the English Notebook. It is very important that this notebook remains organized, is brought to class daily, and is turned in on time. Notebooks are graded once per grading period and fall under the Classwork/Homework category.

Categories:

- Classwork/Homework: 30%
- Formal Writing: 25%
- Tests/Quizzes: 20%
- Projects: 15%
- Participation: 10%

Grade Scale:

- A = 90 – 100%
- B = 80 – 89%
- C = 70 – 79%
- D = 60 – 69%
- F = 59% or lower

*Please be aware that English teachers must read each assignment from students. Because of this, grading is a long process. Be patient as I grade and give feedback to help improve your skills!

**There are very few extra credit opportunities, and extra credit is not designed to replace assigned work. The best way to get the grade you want is to do the work to the best of your abilities and ask for help if needed.

Class Cash:

Given at the teacher's discretion for participation. May be used as extra credit at the end of the semester, or as late homework passes. Class Cash may not be copied – doing so will earn you a referral – and is the student's responsibility to keep. **Lost Class Cash will not be replaced.**

Essay Rewrites:

If an essay earns a 70% or below, students have **one week** to rewrite it. Students **MUST** speak with me before rewriting. The rewrite will **NOT** be accepted without the original essay.

Student Expectations and Keys To Success:

- Show up on time and prepared to learn. "Prepared" means homework is done, materials are here, and you are mentally and physically present, ready to read, write, speak, listen, and think.
- Be respectful – listen when others speak, use kind and appropriate language, keep your hands and feet to yourself, do not touch others' belongings without permission, leave the classroom as good as or better than you found it practice the Golden Rule.
- Observe the classroom Cell Phone Policy – no phones, earbuds/airpods, etc. unless told otherwise.
- Adhere to CV's Dress Code Policy. Additionally, no hoods may be worn in class.
- Adhere to CV's Academic Integrity Policy.

I do not expect students to be perfect (nor should they expect perfection from me!), but I expect students to show up, do their best academically and socially, and make progress throughout the year.

Students: keep everything above this line in your English Notebook.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

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