

English 9

Mrs. Mann

Welcome to Wahoo High School! This class is a required course, and it is important that you pass both semesters to remain on schedule for graduation. I hope you challenge yourself to attain not only good grades but also skills essential for the rest of your life.

This classroom needs to be a safe and positive learning environment for everyone. I expect you to contribute to that atmosphere by being respectful to each other in word and action. This respect extends to your teacher, other staff members, and your school.

There is a list of procedures and requests I will ask each of you to follow. This will allow our classroom to be run as smoothly as possible.

- Cell phones and other electronic devices (ipods, etc.) will **not** be seen or heard at any time in the classroom. Please keep them turned off in your bags, purses, or lockers.
- Please bring your planner/agenda to class every day. We will update these regularly and preview any long-term assignments.
- You may have water or gum in class. You may not bring food, pop, or other flavored drinks to class.
- If you miss class for any reason, it is **your** responsibility to make up what you missed. If you will miss class for a school-related event, please speak to me at least one day before your absence. If you are gone for other reasons not pre-planned, please see me or another class member as soon as you return. I will not remind you to turn in work or make up a quiz/test. Please be responsible.
- We will follow the WHS Handbook rule on tardies. Your third tardy will result in an unexcused absence from this class. You need to be in your seat when the bell rings, or you will be considered tardy.

- If possible, please try to use the restroom during the passing period or at lunch or study hall. If absolutely necessary, I will allow you a pass during class, but you are responsible for class that you miss while you are gone.
- As you enter the classroom, I expect you to be ready to learn. Be seated, get out your necessary items, and then you may talk if time remains. **Please come prepared for class.** We will work the entire class period. You may "pack up" when the bell rings and not before.

I am available for help or make-up work before school (7:45 a.m.) and after school (4:00). I can come earlier or stay later with a day's notice. I encourage you to come visit with me if you experience problems or just need some extra help. I am really looking forward to a great year.

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Syllabus

English 9 is centered on the study of reading and writing. This is a brief overview of what we will cover over the course of this year.

Reading/Literature

- + Reading Strategies for fiction and nonfiction
- + Short Stories
- + Greek Mythology
- + *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- + *Night* by Elie Wiesel
- + *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- + *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

Writing

- + Five-paragraph Essays
- + Journals
- + Research Paper
- + Literary Responses

Grammar

- + Parts of speech
- + Sentence structure
- + Punctuation, Capitalization, etc.

Vocabulary

- + Literary terms
- + Common prefixes and suffixes

**Supplies needed for this class: single-subject notebook & folder
(or 1" binder w/paper)
writing utensil**