

communication with the teacher

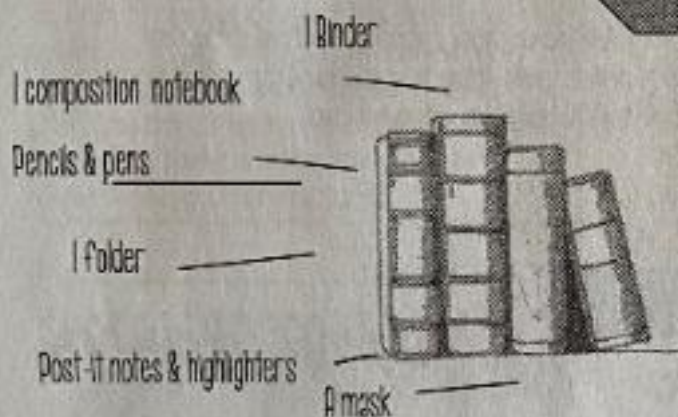
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Email anytime with questions or concerns.

Movies

We will be reading several novels this year. To enhance learning and teach comparison/contrast, we show theatrical productions of these works when available. Most of these productions are rated PG and PG-13. District policy states that we must obtain parental permission for students to view anything above a G-rating. Parents, unless otherwise indicated, your signature will allow your student to view these productions.

class materials



1

Come prepared to class with your materials, mask, writing utensils, and on many occasions with the required pages read from the assigned reading.

2

Start working on bell work immediately, so class can start within five minutes of the bell. Bell work will always be found posted on the whiteboard.

3

We're here to help you and will give you our best as we hope to receive the same from you.

Homework

Students should read 20-30 minutes every night whether it is from assigned readings or from a book of their choice.

Most work should be completed in class if the students use their time wisely. The exception to this would be typed essays. Some work may need to be done outside of classes to finish writing and/or typing final papers.

If students do not complete work during class, in the time allotted or during daily homeroom, it will be assigned as homeroom-work so students can adhere to the determined deadlines.

Students have homeroom daily for 25 min. totaling to 50 min. before they come back to their LA class which is plenty of time to accomplish outside work.

Late Policy

We understand life gets busy and turning assignments in late happens. Hence, we have two hard deadlines throughout the quarter:

1 Midterm—you have until midterm to turn in anything from the 1st half of the quarter to receive credit.

2 2nd to last week of the quarter—unless you have a D your last day to turn things in for the quarter is the 2nd to last week of the quarter which will be announced repeatedly in class.

The last week of the quarter is for those with D's or lower to turn in work and the **highest grade you can receive is a D.**

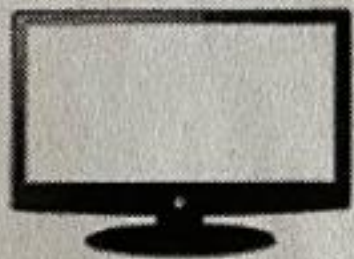
What we will be studying...

In 8th we will be reading works such as *The Outsiders*, *Anthem*, *Ella Minnow Pea*, *The Shadow Club*, *The Ultimate Gift*, *The Westing Game*, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

In 9th we will be reading works such as *Romeo & Juliet*, *Hunger Games*, *American Born Chinese*, *The House on Mango Street*, *12 Angry Men*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Book Thief*, and *Yummy*.

food and drink policy

In general, food and drinks are NOT allowed in class. However, water is allowed. This policy is due to the use of Chromebooks in our classrooms and the desire to keep them nice and clean as long as we can.



Canvas

We LOVE Canvas. We link ALL the assignments to the program, which means that if you are absent, you don't have to fall behind in class. You can pull up reading assignments and print off any worksheets. Parents, you can set up weekly grade emails so that you know how your student is doing in all of their classes. It is a fantastic tool to use!

Sign and Return

I have read and understand the Language Arts Department's expectations:

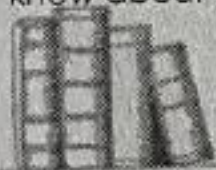
Students Name: _____

Class Period: _____

Students Signature: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Is there anything you would you like me to know about your student?



"Once you learn to read you will forever be free."

—Frederick Douglass

policy for absences and grades

Weekly and daily work will be updated weekly (bell ringers, participation, and quizzes). Please, check grades regularly and feel free to ask any questions you might have about a particular grade.

If you are absent, **YOU** are responsible for completing your make-up work (two days for make-up for each day absent).

All make-up work will be available **in class** along with being **available** online on **Canvas**. It is **YOUR** responsibility to ask a classmate or the teacher for help on making up any work. It is also **YOUR** responsibility to meet with the teacher to make up any tests, quizzes, or papers.

If you know you are going to be absent beforehand, ask the teacher for your make-up work before the absence.



electronic devices

Electronic devices should be kept in the designated area in the classroom or in backpacks. Devices should not be out during class, unless otherwise instructed by the teacher or with permission.

First offense: Student will turn the phone into the teacher until the end of class.

Second offense: Student will turn the phone into the teacher until the end of day.

Third offense: Phone will be turned into office and parents will have to pick up the device from the office.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8-9

LEAMS

2020-2021 Web Disclosure

Grammarly

Grammarly is a website that provides students automated feedback on their writing. Students can cut and paste or upload work they'd like to edit. It shows the word count and how many critical issues the document has, and gives writers a score based on spelling, grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, style, vocabulary, and plagiarism checking. Students will be using this to help strengthen their writing skills in class.

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Kahoot

Kahoot! is a fun and interactive quiz-based game used to review students' knowledge or for formative assessment. Kahoots are user-generated multiple-choice quizzes that students can access from their phones or their chromebooks. Kahoots are a great way to get students engaged when reviewing and can also provide an indicator for what topics need to be addressed more thoroughly.

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What is a Web Disclosure?

In accordance with Utah state law teachers are now required to make sure that websites and applications used in the classroom follow the student data privacy agreement set up by the state.

Our district has contracts with all of the following applications used in the classroom, however, these one's do need parent signatures to be used in the classroom. Please sign each one individually. To comply with Utah state law we can not receive a single signature for all websites **but need individual signatures for every app used.** Thank you. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your ELA teacher.



Quizziz

➤ Quizziz will be used in our classrooms as a quick, fun way to gather information about student knowledge or gaps. It also makes a handy review tool before tests and quizzes.

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"It is essential to have good tools, but it is also essential that the tools should be used in the right way." *Wallace D. Wattles*

Canva

Canva is a website that allows students to create vivid posters and ads on their website for free. It'll be used to create their Utopia flags, their propoganda posters, and other posters for class.

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Flipgrid

Flipgrid allows students to make videos that can be shared amongst their peers (the teacher always sees and approves the videos first) this will be used to film ethos, pathos, and logos commercials throughout the year.

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Animoto

Animoto produces completely unique video pieces from photos, video clips, and music students include in their presentations. Animoto may be used to present book reports to the class.

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Prezi

Prezi is an online presentation platform that allows students to create a more interactive slideshow presentation than Google Slides or Microsoft PowerPoint. Students can choose different themes and slide transitions that give their presentation more life. They can also easily add images and audio and video clips into their presentations. Using Prezi in the classroom can keep students more engaged in presentations and can also make creating them a little more fun.

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Easy Bib



Cite Sources

- > It's important to know how to correctly cite sources but is tedious to learn MLA formatting because it changes constantly.



Life Savior

- > Easy Bib creates the in-text and work cited page for the students by plugging in the website the student used in their essay. Easy Bib will be used for all research papers.



Time Savior

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