

English 9 – Miss Bodine

Course Overview

English 9 is a Language Arts course designed to prepare students for the 11th grade Regents exam as well as higher level reading and writing tasks. In this course, we will:

- touch on a number of genres, learning the literary elements that apply to each and examining writing style, meaning, and author backgrounds
- work on grammar exercises to improve our reading and writing skills
- practice public speaking skills through formal and informal presentations
- work on vocabulary and spelling
- reinforce listening and note-taking skills
- reinforce research and documentation skills, specifically the MLA method
- incorporate character education into our lessons
- improve reading comprehension skills
- improve writing skills
- work on finding and citing text-based evidence

Expectations

The following issues are very important to me and I feel are necessary for a comfortable, clean, safe learning environment:

- Only one person should be speaking at a time, unless we are working in a group situation, in which only one person in that group should be speaking at a time. This is a respect issue, which should be our number one priority in this classroom.
- Just as I would not touch or remove anything from your desk or locker without asking you first, please respect my possessions as well as those belonging to the school. If you need something, please ask.
- Come to class prepared. This means you should always have a writing utensil, notebook, and folder with you, as well as the book, homework, etc., being covered that day.
- As you know, the school policy states that cell phones must be dropped off on the desk at the front of the room as you enter. If you choose to keep your phone with you and I see it (whether it is on or off), I have been instructed to take it and turn it in to Mr. Rapone.
- No food is allowed in classrooms unless provided by the teacher or arrangements have been made ahead of time. You may have water in your ND water bottle, but no other bottles or cups are allowed (school policy).
- Gum is allowed until the first time I find a piece on the floor or on/under a desk, etc. during any period. At that time, no class periods will be allowed to have gum in the room.
- Please keep desks and other classroom objects clean. Anyone caught writing on school property will be referred to Mr. Bianco and Mr. Rapone.

- Please check under and around your desk for garbage (wrappers, scraps of paper) before you leave each day and dispose of it properly.
- I do not tolerate cheating in any form. In the long run, whether you are the one giving or receiving answers, you are the one who will be hurt, whether it is by disciplinary action by the school or by lack of preparedness for classes and tests in your future years in college.

Grading Policy

1/3 on the basis of the teacher's evaluation of the student's projects, tests, papers

1/3 on homework and quizzes

1/3 on class participation (includes attendance)

Your final exam is worth 20% of your grade for the course, as stated in Notre Dame's grading policy.

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