

Honors English 9



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CLASS MATERIALS

Some means of organization **JUST FOR THIS CLASS**

Writing utensil (highlighters recommended)

Flash drive recommended



Online Textbook:
my.hrw.com

Username:
sjuniorhigh1

Password:
English

TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS

Sign up for the class text alerts for updates on homework, tests, quizzes, and other important due dates. Download the Remind App to be able to chat with Mrs. Miller for help.



Text
@sehonors9
to 81010

GRADES

Criteria used to determine grades will vary with each assignment; accompanying rubrics will be provided with projects and essays.

We will adhere to the UCS grading scale.

I strongly encourage you to regularly check PowerSchool to monitor your progress during the course of the year. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

*We will be reading a wide variety of texts, including short stories, poems, nonfiction, and novels. The goal is to read with an analytical eye, thus allowing us to critically consider author's craft and thematic significance.

*Grammar will be taught in context, and will sharpen our knowledge of the following concepts: parts of speech, phrases and clauses, punctuation, appositives, verbal phrases, and sentence complements.



*Writing emphases include literary criticism, synthesis, descriptive language, clarity and cohesion, voice, SAT preparation, research and embedding quotations, argument, claim, counterclaim, evidence, and effective commentary.

*Dynamic class discussion will allow for us to learn from one another by building upon the ideas of our classmates. Additionally, opportunities for presentations will occur throughout the year.

CELL PHONES

We will adhere to the UCS policy regarding cell phones. However, there will be times when I will encourage you to use your phone in class for educational purposes. Please use your better judgment; I really don't want to have to confiscate your phone. Expect to have your phone either collected or in plain sight during all quizzes and tests.

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My. S.E. Miller
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PLAGIARISM: WHAT IS IT AND HOW TO AVOID IT.

To plagiarize is defined as taking ideas and writings of another and passing them off as one's own. Students caught plagiarizing will be given a ZERO for the assignment.

Plagiarism includes...

- 1 turning in someone else's paper as your own
- 2 copying a friend's paper 5 minutes before class (or having another teacher catch you copying work in his/her classroom)
- 3 failing to cite a source
- 4 copying an author's exact words and passing them off as your own

PARENTS:

Occasionally, we will view videos (excerpts or in full) that enhance our class curriculum. The school requires parental permission to show anything rated above G. If you DO NOT approve of your child viewing something rated PG/PG13, please notify me via e-mail by Friday, September 9th.

HOMEWORK POLICIES



- * **LATE WORK** is downgraded 10% for every day it's late.
- * **Please strive to budget your time and your work load.** Many of you have several challenging classes this year. Procrastination could potentially be your worst enemy!
- * **E-Mail Submission:** You are welcome to e-mail me assignments if technology issues arise. Understand that printer and Internet problems are not valid excuses for late assignments.



- * My hope is that you will feel comfortable enough to approach me with questions or concerns about your own progress in this class. Now is a fantastic time to learn how to advocate for yourself! My primary goals include fostering a love of reading and providing strategic reading and writing instruction in an environment where you feel confident working through increasingly challenging material.



- * All typed assignments should be formatted according to the guidelines set forth by the Modern Language Association (MLA). This includes:
 - 12 point font
 - 1-inch margins
 - double spacing
 - 3 line heading, including your name, hour, and date
 - correct in-text citations

NOTICE

If all else fails and you cannot produce a typed assignment when it's required, submit something handwritten. I'd far rather you submit SOMETHING rather than take a penalty for late work.

ABSENTEE POLICY



- * **YES — WE DID SOMETHING IMPORTANT WHILE YOU WERE ABSENT.** It is your responsibility to check with me the day you return to class to find out what you missed. Please check the "Absent Work" drawer in the file cabinet in the front of the classroom, or the class website to find any handouts or notes you missed.
- * You have **ONE DAY** for each day you are absent to make up missed work. After that day, any missing assignments will be accepted with a **late penalty**.
- * **Projects, tests, quizzes, and essays:** You will have ample notification when any larger types of assignments are due. As a result, the due dates remain in effect regardless of absence. Again, always feel free to email me assignments in order to ensure timely submission, thus saving yourself from any late work penalties.

I, _____, have read and understand the policies and procedures for Mrs. Miller's Honors English 9 class. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact my teacher if I have any questions or concerns. I know that this syllabus, assignments, calendars, and resources are available to me on the class website at any time.

Student signature

Parent/Guardian signature