

English 9 & 10

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Course Description:

This course is designed to help students gain skills in communication and critical thinking in compliance with the California Common Core and District Standards for English grades 9 and 10. We will look at a variety of texts including short stories, essays, poems, reports and business documents. Students will improve their writing through practice in traditional and multimedia formats.

Requirements:

Students must complete assigned work, including two formal writing assignments in order to earn 5 credits.

All work must be the student's original work. Plagiarism will not be accepted and could result in an "NG" for the entire class.

Students are expected to complete daily classwork assignments for the quarter; some must be turned in via Google Classroom, some must be on paper, and others will be available both ways. All work and grades will be posted in Google Classroom. Any work not completed in class will be homework.

Our first priority is your health and safety, so if you're absent, you will have a reasonable amount of time to make up any missed work (or you can submit it through Google Classroom if you're worried about falling behind). **ALL work will be posted and/or explained in Google Classroom.**

Part of your grade - up to 10% - will be based on attendance. If you're out for an extended time due to illness, make-up work will be made available. It is the student's responsibility to monitor grades and assigned work in Google Classroom.

If you're present in class but do not turn in work by the following day, it is "late." Late work will be accepted but may incur a penalty – usually one letter grade deducted - until a set deadline. That said, alert me as soon as possible if you are struggling or have questions. I will be flexible if I know what's going on. You can email, call, or send a message through Google Classroom, text, or have your parent send a message through Aeries Parent Square.

Grades will be based on the work assigned, with the majority of points coming from tests, quizzes, projects, and essays. These will be "zeroes" if they are not completed. You're welcome to resubmit work if you are unsatisfied with your grade (not available for plagiarism). Assignments build on each other; while some are practice, each step is important in developing your skills. It's best not to skip steps.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on work completed. At least 35% of your grade is the writing assignments - an "NG" will be issued for any students failing to meet the minimum 2 formal assignments. The rest of the grade will come from a combination of class assignments, tests, homework, and projects.

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C

*69.99% and below will earn a "No Grade" or NG on the progress report and will not get credit for the class.

Progress reports will be mailed out the fifth and sixth weeks of the quarter, but parents can receive emailed summaries through Google Classroom Walkarounds every other week. Parents are encouraged to call/email/message through Aeries Parent Square with any questions or concerns.