

# Ms. Tse's English 9 Honors

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This course is designed to guide students to become strong writers, engaged readers, and fluent speakers of critical thoughts and ideas.

Aligned with the Common Core State Standards, this course is divided into six units.

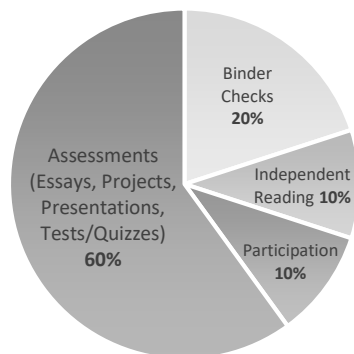
Texts will include short stories, William Golding's *The Lord of the Flies*, Homer's *The Odyssey*, William Shakespeare's *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, and non-fiction pieces. I maintain high expectations throughout the year so that you may develop into highly motivated, self-sufficient learners. I will do all I can to help you succeed in not only meeting the standards but exceeding them; however, this can only be achieved through your own proactive engagement and patient dedication. Please review the following information to better understand the learning expectations.

### Bring Materials Daily

- Binder for English use only (at least 1 inch)
- Loose lined paper (College-ruled preferred)
- Pens
  - Blue/Black for assignments
  - Red/Green for corrections
- Highlighters (at least 5 different colors)
- Sticky Notes
- Accountable Independent Reading Book

### Grades

Grades will be maintained and accessible via Aeries.com



Visit my Ayala class page for updates, agendas, handouts, guidelines, assignments, and other information:  
<https://tinyurl.com/f103tse>

## Classroom Behavior Expectations

- ❖ Come to class with a positive attitude and prepared with proper materials.
- ❖ Be ready to learn in assigned seats when the bell rings (otherwise tardy!) and remain there until teacher dismissal.
- ❖ Ask permission before utilizing hall passes during class (do not interrupt instruction). No bathroom trips in the first and last 5 minutes of class.
- ❖ Demonstrate respect and restraint toward everyone's ideas and property.
- ❖ Consume no food, candy, gum, or drink (sealed water bottles OK) in class.
- ❖ Keep cell phones and other personal electronic devices silent and out of sight unless given explicit permission by teacher. If a cell phone is visible, it will be confiscated and turned in to the school office according to school policy.

Students who choose to hinder their own education and that of others by not following classroom expectations and policies will incur the following consequences:

- Warning / Loss of Points
- Detention / Conference with teacher
- Detention with parent notification
- Referral to counselor/administrator

### Academic Integrity

Cheating and plagiarism of any kind (including copying other students' work and allowing others to cheat off you) will result in a **ZERO** for all involved parties with no opportunity to re-do for credit. Essays will be submitted on turnitin.com, which readily tracks plagiarism. Do your own original work and cite appropriately!

### School Appropriateness

Contribute to a positive and productive classroom environment by keeping language respectful and polite. Inappropriate material written about or discussed in class will have to be reported to administration and, if needed, the proper authorities. This includes but is not limited to any blatant as well as insinuated material about oneself or other people.

## Assignments

Classwork will be kept in your English binder, which will be collected and graded periodically. Homework can be expected on most nights. You will be required to develop vocabulary, independently read literature during and outside of class, annotate texts, compose journals, apply language skills, and complete multiple writing projects.

- All work must be submitted to the teacher on the due date within the specified time allotment.
- Plan accordingly for technology to fail you. No late assignments due to tech issues will be excused and accepted. You may type and print at the library or the career center. I will NOT print your assignments for you.

### Late and Make-Up Work

- Assignments submitted after the allotted time, even on the same day, are considered LATE and *deducted 20% of possible points*. Each subsequent day late is another 20% deduction.
  - ONE school day for each day absent to make up work and FIVE school days for quiz/tests.
- Assessment deadlines do not change.** Students are responsible for arranging make-ups. Consult Ms. Tse for help at lunch or after school depending on availability, NOT during class time.
- For long absences, email Ms. Tse to ensure you do not fall behind. Clear your absences! Missed work cannot be made up for unexcused absences, including truancy.

Detach and return below section to Ms. Tse signed by your parent/guardian.

I have received and reviewed Ms. Tse's English 9 Honors Syllabus and Class Expectations. I understand that following all rules, procedures, and routines will lead to an exceptional student. I also understand that the instructor reserves the right to make additions, changes, and deletions to the syllabus at any time during the school year.

Student Name (PRINT)

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

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