



English 9 Course #13023
North Dorchester High School
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Course Description:

The English 9 course provides a balanced program of reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, usage, and mechanics skills within the context of grade-level literary and informational texts. It addresses the Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards for English and is designed to prepare students to become college and career ready.

Course Requirements:

There will be extensive reading and writing assignments for you to complete on time. This is your first high school English class, and my expectations are high. I expect you to make mature decisions and develop a positive work ethic to be successful. If you are absent from class, you are not excused from the assignment or tests (please follow the DCPS policy on make-up work and excused and unexcused absences). It is your responsibility to make up your assignments and schedule times to discuss them with Ms. Rank.

Textbooks and Resources:

HMH Into Literature National G9

Required Materials:

Flash drive (optional)	Notebook paper
NDHS Agenda	Three-ring binder
Pencil and blue pens	Headphones

Objectives:

You will be able to...

- Improve your communication skills in order to succeed inside and outside of school.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the writing process.
- Improve vocabulary and reading skills.
- Analyze themes in different literary genres.

Technology

Most days, our classroom has a class set of laptops. At the teacher’s discretion, classwork, quizzes, and writing assignments will be assigned and graded in Google Classroom. You are encouraged to access Google Classroom from home if you have internet access and have missing or incomplete work. Your log in for Google Classroom is your student ID # followed by @dcpsmd.org. If you are found to be abusing your internet privileges (i.e., Playing games, watching videos, etc.) instead of focusing on your classwork, and are unresponsive to redirection, you may receive a zero for that assignment, and/or lose computer privileges.

Grading Policy

All assignments will be graded using a point system. As per the county policy, all classwork and homework grades are 40% of the overall final grade. Tests, quizzes, major projects, and essays are 60% of the overall final grade. Please refer to the County Calendar and your agenda for the full explanation of the grading policy.

Cell Phone Policy

At NDHS, students may use mobile devices in areas with designated signage during the instructional day. Failure to abide by DCPS mobile device protocols will result in the device being confiscated and disciplinary action. See page 27 of the student agenda for more information.

Guidelines for Success

- You are not to stand in the hall before class. As you enter the classroom, sharpen pencils, sit in your assigned seats, and begin warm-up before the bell rings.
- Attend class every day, and do not be late.
- Work hard on your daily assignments and meet all deadlines. Work will not be accepted if you decide not to do your work in class. Late work will not be accepted unless you have excused absences.
- In the event that you have an excused absence, please check the make-up work folder/binder, and/or the classroom assistance website. Please schedule a time outside of class if you need further assistance.
- Please be organized! I will provide assistance in helping you organize the items you receive in my class. The materials listed on the first page of this syllabus are critical in helping you to learn organizational skills.
- Raise your hand to be recognized and called upon by the teacher. There is to be no talking or getting out of your assigned seat unless Ms. Rank grants you permission.
- Be prepared for class everyday with all required materials. Textbooks must be covered.
- Be quiet and respectful during announcements.
- Do not touch things in the classroom that are not yours – let's be respectful of each other's belongings.
- No food, drinks, toys, cell phones, CD/DVD players, iPods, and/or electronic devices are to be brought to class.
- Cheating will not be tolerated. If you find it necessary to cheat, appropriate action will be taken.
- Profanity is not to be used in school. If you choose to speak in this manner, you will be referred to the office.
- If a substitute leaves your name for misbehaving/causing a disturbance, appropriate action will be taken.

Consequences

If for some reason you break one of the above stated guidelines, the following actions will be taken:

- **First offense:** student conference, phone call home, or letter sent home
- **Second offense:** phone call home and 1-hour after-school detention
- **Third offense:** phone call home, 1-hour after-school detention, and office referral
- **Fourth offense:** phone call home, 2-hour after-school detention, parent conference, and office referral

Adjustments to consequences may be made based on the severity of the infraction.

Homework...

Must be completed! Homework is very important; it allows me to see how you are doing and determine whether or not we need to look at something a little more closely. Per DCPS policy, homework may be assigned to prepare you for the following day's lesson. The bulk of your homework will be reading the text to prepare you for class discussion, and analysis of skills and concepts.

Writing Format

For all paper assignments, unless otherwise noted, you will need to use this heading:

- Name, date, and assignment must be written or typed in the upper LEFT hand corner.
- Paragraphs must be indented.
- All writing assignments must be edited for spelling and other corrections before they are turned into Ms. Rank.
- All writing assignments that are handwritten should be legible and written in ink.



I have read all of the information stated on Ms. Rank's English I Syllabus. I understand that the guidelines and policies must be followed in order to achieve a positive classroom learning climate that will bring success to my classmates and me. By following **North Dorchester High School's** philosophy of being respectful, responsible, and ready, I can expect to be successful in this class. Failure to abide by classroom rules will result in the consequences as specified in this document. If I ever need extra help or have questions, it is my responsibility to ask Ms. Rank at appropriate times.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

North Dorchester Learner Commitment

We are the North Dorchester Eagles. We are becoming college, career, and community ready by demonstrating integrity, honor, and ethics through our voices and our choices.