

Plainfield South High School
English 9 Course Outline 2009-2010
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Required Texts:

Glencoe Literature Anthology
Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird
Reginald Rose's *12 Angry Men*

Course Description/Objectives:

This is a year-long course designed to provide freshman with an overview of literary genre. Students will read selected short stories, poems, plays, a novel and an epic. They will learn to appreciate the distinctive qualities which each possess. Grammar study will emphasize elimination of mechanical errors in their writing. To develop their skills in composition, students will write a variety of compositions including multi-paragraph essays and a research project. Vocabulary development will be based on the literary selections.

Units of Study:

- Short Stories
- Poetry
- William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*
- Grammar/ Vocabulary/ Sentences/D.E.A.R.
- Mythology/Homer's epic *The Odyssey*
- Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird / Research
- Reginald Rose's *12 Angry Men*

Required Materials:

- Two notebooks: One for each semester
- Folder or binder for handouts.
- All required texts that we are using in class.
- Pens and pencils.
- A positive attitude

Grading Percentage Breakdown:

Homework: 10%
Quizzes: 20%
Tests: 25 %
Products: 30%
Final Exam: 15%

Grading Scale:

100-90 = A

89-80 = B

79-70 = C

69-60 = D

Late Work Policies: ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE TO BE TURNED IN ON THE DAY THEY ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD.

Homework: Homework assignments will be accepted up to four days late with a 10 percent reduction in the grade per day. If not submitted after four days, the assignment will be entered in the gradebook as an "NHI," meaning "Not Handed In," which is a grade equivalency of 49%.

Quizzes and Tests: In the event of an excused absence, quizzes and tests can be made up within a reasonable amount of time anytime during a unit. Quizzes and tests from previous units may not be made up and will receive zero credit.

Products: Major essays and projects will be accepted up to one week late with a 10% deduction in the grade per day. However, if they are not submitted after a week, they may no longer be made up and will receive zero credit. **In order to be considered on time, all essays must be turned in to turnitin.com as well as printed and turned in as a hard copy. Essays in emails and/ or on flash drives will not be accepted unless otherwise noted. ****

Classroom Rules:

1. Use your words appropriately
2. Turn all electronic devices off when the bell rings
3. Listen while others speak
4. Be responsible for your grade
5. Keep the classroom clean

Tardies: being in class on time is essential to your success as a well as your peers' success in class.

- First and second tardies are warnings
- Third tardy is a detention and a call home
- Fourth tardy is a referral to dean and a two hour ASA
- Fifth tardy is a referral to dean and a Saturday detention
- Sixth tardy and beyond will be a referral to the dean and may result in being dropped from the class to a study hall

Electronic /communication devices: while cell phones and personal music players are often beneficial in many circumstances, their use has no purpose in the classroom.

- First offense- Warning
- Second offense- Detention/Phone call home
- Third offense- Dean referral, ASA or Saturday, parent call
- Fourth offense- Dean referral, Saturday or CC, parent call, student final contract
- Fifth offense- Dean referral, final contract, parent contact, may be dropped from class

Routines and Procedures:

- Take a seat before the bell rings
- Read the board for the day's agenda and instructions for the beginning of class
- Take out materials and listen for verbal instructions
- Stay seated throughout the class period unless told otherwise
- Wait until you are given the "Okay" to pack up materials.

Tips for Succeeding in this Course:

- Complete all assignments on time
- Always come prepared to class on time with notebooks, folder, pen, and whatever reading material we're using
- Share your thoughts and ideas with the class
- Come to class with a good attitude and be ready to learn. Be respectful of yourself, your classmates, and me

Office Hours: During the day, I'll either be in room 410 or 412. If you'd like extra help, I'll be available after school on Mondays in the media center from 3:30-4:30. Additionally, I'm available before school from 7:45-8:00 all days. You can also email with questions or concerns. Please allow 24 hours for me to respond. Don't wait until the last minute to get help!!

Please sign and date this document, notifying me that you have read and understand all the policies. Don't throw this away!

Signature _____ Date _____