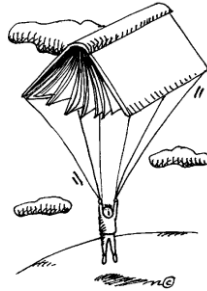


English 9  
2009-2010 Course Syllabus  
Room 418

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*“Books, I found, had the power to make time stand still, retreat or fly into the future” (Jim Bishop).*

**Course Description:** This is a year-long course designed to provide freshmen with an overview of various literary genres. 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 usage and mechanical errors in their writing. To develop their skills in composition, students will write a variety of compositions including paragraphs, multi-paragraph essays, and a research project. Vocabulary development will be based on the literary selections.

**Course Unit Overview:**

Semester One

Short Stories  
Poetry  
*Romeo and Juliet*

Semester Two

*To Kill a Mockingbird*  
*12 Angry Men*  
Mythology (*The Odyssey*)

**Yearly Skills:**

Grammar Mondays, Reading Tuesdays, Writing Wednesdays, Vocabulary Thursdays, D.E.A.R. Fridays

**Daily Supplies:**

Writing utensils (pens, highlighters)  
1 or 1 ½ inch binder w/ 5 tabs  
Loose-leaf paper  
Required text  
Single-subject notebook  
Brain

**Grading Scale/Policy**

Grading is based on a weighted system:  
Homework: 10%  
Quizzes: 20%  
Assessments: 25%  
Products: 30%  
Final Exams: 15%

Scale: 90-100 A 80-89 B 70-79 C 60-69 D 59 or below F

**Classroom Rules:**

1. Students will remain in their assigned seats unless otherwise instructed.
2. There will be **no entertainment devices or cell phones** in the classroom.
3. Students will show respect to one another, the instructor, and the room.
4. Students will be responsible for acquiring and making up missed work in a timely fashion.
5. Purses and backpacks must remain on the floor at all times during class.

**Classroom Policies:** All PSHS English department policies and District 202 student handbook policies apply (tardies, classroom disruptions, etc.)

- **Late Work:** All assignments are due on the date given. Assignments due the day a student is absent will be due the day he/she returns. Assignments are due at the beginning of the hour. **10% will be deducted for every day that the assignment is late.** Work that is over a week late will not be accepted. Students are expected to schedule make-up tests before or after school. Major assignments or projects will lose one letter grade for each day late up to five days. After the 5<sup>th</sup> day, the grade becomes a zero. If a student is absent for an extended period, he/she will need to meet with me to arrange a make-up schedule.

**Computer Usage:** All students and parents must sign the District 202 computer usage policy before access to school computers/technology can be made available. Any violation of the policy can result in the termination of school computer/technology access and usage. **IMPORTANT –** Please also read and sign the PSHS English Standard policies, as well as the District 202 Academic Honesty policy.

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**Student Syllabus Agreement:**

I have read and understand the above policies of this class.

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Student Name (Print)

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Student Signature

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Parent/ Guardian Name (Print)