

# English 9/10/11

## Course Description:

This course will include a unit on literary elements. Reading various short stories, poems, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo, *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne, and *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare. Also, working on our writing skills through various writing assignments such as an argument essay and text-analysis response essay.

## Course Requirements:

- Be prepared with all the necessary materials.
- Participate
- Be respectful.

## Preparation:

- You will be creating important vocabulary cards that will help you learn and review important terms.
- You will be provided with a folder.
- You will need pens or pencils.
- Loose leaf or notebook paper.
- You need to come with your school I-Pad fully charged.

## Student Help:

- I am available for extra help: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> periods.
- I am also available after school hours and during lunch.
- Please see me to set up help during these times and get a pass.

## Grading Procedures:

**Participation: 20%.** You will receive a participation grade each week. If you are absent you need to see me about what you missed during homeroom the next day. You will receive participation points for the period you missed **only** if you show me that you have completed the work we did in class. You will lose points if you forget your folder, I-Pad, pen, or pencil, are tardy to class, do not participate in class discussions, or are off task.

**Homework/Classwork: 25%.** Homework will be assigned. Often, we will try to get this done in class but at times it will be necessary to finish it at home. It is due at the beginning of the class period.

**Quizzes: 10%.** Quizzes will be given in class throughout the year. These will be announced.

**Tests: 20%.** Tests will be given in class throughout the year.

**Projects/Essay: 25%.** Projects and writing assignments will be given throughout the year.

### **Class Work/ Homework:**

- It is especially important to complete all class work and homework. The work given will help you learn the necessary material.
- Homework is due at the beginning of the period. Homework is not to be completed during the class period it is due.
- If you are absent ask Miss Vossler what work, you missed. It is your responsibility. You can come and ask during homeroom. You can also ask me through Teams chat.
- **If an assignment is late 10 points will be taken off the grade.**
- It is important to take the notes given.
- If you do not understand something, ask for help.
- It is important that you take your time on all work.

### **Participation:**

- Be on time for class every day and be in your seat when class begins. Three unexcused tardies will result in a detention (see student handbook).
- I dismiss the class. Do not start packing up your stuff while I am still teaching.
- Ask questions if you do not understand.
- Ask for extra help when needed.
- Come to class with your I-Pad fully charged.

### **Respect:**

- Listen to your peers and the teacher when they are talking.
- Do not interrupt when others are speaking.
- If you need to leave the room for any reason, please ask and then sign out and take a pass (they are near the door). Do not forget to sign back in when you come back. On a rare occasion I may ask you to wait a few minutes until I finish a topic.
- Name calling, rude comments, and foul language will not be permitted.
- Cell phones are not allowed and must be put in lockers or backpacks/bags.
- Treat others with respect.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Do not lie and instead admit when you do something wrong.
- Clean up after yourself. There is a garbage can and recycling bin in the room.

- Keep your work area clean and organized.
- You have the right to learn. You do not have the right to interrupt someone else's learning.
- Continued disruptions will be referred to the- Principal.

## **Films:**

If time permits, we will be watching the following films (or portions of) in class:

- Midsummer Night's Dream (PBS Great Performances)
- The Swiss Family Robinson (Disney Version)
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939)
- Romeo and Juliet (1968)
- The Monkey's Paw
- Masque of the Red Death
- Story of an Hour
- The Open Window
- The Flowers
- Pixar Short Films, CGI Animated Short Films, and film clips: A Fox and a Mouse, Piper, La Luna, Spellbound, Wish Granter, The Controller, Knick Knack, Ice Age, Nightmare Before Christmas, The Incredibles, Toy Story, Brave, Despicable Me, Land Before Time, Tangled, The Good Dinosaur, Small Foot, Emperor's New Groove, Mega Mind, Moana, Epic, The Golden Compass, Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen, Mickey Matson and Cooperhead Treasure, Wild Hearts Can't be Broken, Ghostbusters, Nancy Drew, Galaxy Quest, In a Heartbeat, The Present, Worlds Apart, Pharoah, Defective Detective, I See You, Mike's New Car, Presto, Lifted, For the Birds, Geri's Game, Can I Say?, Tamara, Jinky Jenkins and Lucky Lou, Zootopia, How to Train Your Dragon, Sgt. Stubby: an Unlikely Hero, March of the Penguins, Dora and the Lost City of Gold, ParaNorman, Monsters vs Aliens, Planet 51, Monster House, Up, Mulan, Onward, Hercules, and Sherlock Gnome.

By signing your name at the end of this document, you are acknowledging that you are aware and give permission.

- ❖ I reserve the right to amend this document at any time and will announce any changes made.

I understand that I am responsible for the information on this sheet of paper and agree to follow these conditions to the best of my ability. This will be stored in your binder.

Student signature:

Teacher signature:

Dear Parents /Guardians:

After you have reviewed my class procedures and grading policies, please take time to complete the last page of this form. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or any matter throughout the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me by e-mail [nvossler@genvalley.org](mailto:nvossler@genvalley.org) or by phone, 585-268-7900 extension 1137.

Please keep this page so that you have my contact information.

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Please return this portion. You can keep my contact information on the previous page.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best time to reach you? \_\_\_\_\_

What phone number? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address if you prefer: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer you contact me by \_\_\_\_\_ phone or \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail.

Any additional information you would like me to know about your child:

I have read and understand the procedures and grading policies.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_