

NEWCOMER ENGLISH SYLLABUS

Ms. Nelson

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Course Name: Newcomer English

Class Period: Period 4A

Teacher: Ms. Nelson

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GRADING SCALE

A - 90-100%

B - 80-89%

C - 70-79%

D - 60-69%

F - 59% AND LOWER

GRADING CATEGORIES

Daily Work Points: approximately 50 points per quarter

- Students will earn 5 daily points for following along with all class activities.
- Students will lose points if they do not participate in daily class activities.

IXLs: 100-150 points per quarter

- Each IXL assigned will be worth 10 points.
- Students will complete approximately 10-15 IXLs a quarter.

Get Ready! Quizzes/Tests: 300 points per quarter

- Get Ready! Unit Tests are worth approximately 100 points. There will be two unit tests each quarter.
- Get Ready! Unit Quizzes are worth 25 points. Students will take a Vocabulary and Grammar quiz for each unit. There will be roughly 4 quizzes each quarter, 2 each unit.

ELA Skills Tests/Projects: 100 points per quarter.

- Students will take an ELA Skills test or complete an ELA Skills project each quarter worth approximately 100 points.

MS. NELSON'S SCHEDULE

Class Periods	A Days	B Days
Period 1	Prep	Language Arts IV 101 G-A
Advisory WIN	Advisory - 119E WIN - 101 G-A	
Period 2	PLC 101 G-A	Language Arts IV 101 G-A
Period 3	EL MTSS Study Hall 103M	Closed Study Hall 109G
Period 4	Newcomer English 101 G-A	EL Building Level Representative 106G

NEWCOMER ENGLISH MATERIALS

- iPad
- Purple Folder
- Get Ready! textbook
- Get Ready! workbook
- Pencil or Pen

NEWCOMER ENGLISH UNITS OVERVIEW

Quarter 1:

- Get Ready: Unit 1 and Unit 2
- ELA Skill Focus: Nonfiction Text Features, Informal Presentation

Quarter 2 Units:

- Get Ready! Unit 3 and Unit 4
- ELA Skills: Story Elements, Narrative Writing

Quarter 3 Units:

- Get Ready! Units 5 and 6
- ELA Skill: Main Idea and Key Details, Nonfiction Text Structures

Quarter 4 Units:

- Get Ready! Unit 7 and 8
- ELA Skill: Characterization and Theme in Fiction, Formal Presentation

MS. NELSON'S POLICIES

LATE WORK POLICY

- All late work must be submitted by end of unit assessment.
- If you are unverified, you will receive a zero on assignments for that class period.
- Os will be entered on Infinite Campus until late work is turned in.

REDO POLICY

- I will consider redos/corrections on a case-by-case basis.
- If you are interested in redoing an assignment or test, please email me.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Please let the front office and your teachers know if you will be gone.
- You will not earn credit for a class if you miss 10 or more times.
- If you are gone, please check Schoology to see what you missed.
- If you are gone more than 20 minutes on a pass, you will be marked truant for the class period.

CELLPHONE POLICY

- Cellphones must be out-of-sight and out-of-use during school hours.
- You may NOT use your phone between classes and at lunch.
- You must go to the office and use their phone to call home. You may not take calls during class.
- If I see your phone, I will take it and bring it to the office.

HEADPHONE/AIRPOD POLICY

- Headphones/AirPods use is not allowed during Get Ready! or ELA Skill time.
- Headphones/AirPods may be used during IXL or Summit K12 time.
- Headphones/AirPods must be connected to your iPad and not your phone.

FOOD/DRINK POLICY

- Drinks must have a spill-proof lid. Drinks without lids must be placed on the back table or side counter until the end of class.
- Small snacks are allowed as long as they are not distracting to others and do not make a mess.
- You must clean up after yourself. No crumbs, no wrappers. If you leave a mess, **EVEN ONCE**, you will lose your right to have snacks for the rest of the year.

HALLPASS POLICY

- You must use SecurlyPass to leave the room.
- Limit of 2 students out at a time.
- Hallpass privileges may be restricted if you do not use your passes appropriately.
- Store passes are not allowed and your pass must be for the location you set it as.
- Hallpasses will not be accepted in the first 15 or last 15 minutes of class.
- Bathroom passes should be about 5 minutes long. If your pass is over 10 minutes, you will lose hallpass privileges for 2 weeks.

PLAGIARISM/AI POLICY

- Plagiarism is not allowed.
- AI use is plagiarism.
- Plagiarized work and AI-generated work will receive 0s.
- Allowing other students to copy your assignments is not HELPING them; it's plagiarism!

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

1ST ACTIVITY: IXL

- Before class starts, get your purple folder, big book, and little book.
- Begin working on IXL immediately.
- If you finish your IXLs early, work on the Summit K12 app.
- Headphones/AirPods are allowed during this time.

2ND ACTIVITY: GET READY!

- Complete all assigned activities in your big book and little book. You will lose daily points if you do not complete all activities.
- Headphones/AirPods are NOT allowed during this time.

3RD ACTIVITY: ELA SKILL

- Complete all ELA Skill assignments with the class. You will lose daily points if you do not complete all activities.
- Store all ELA Skill materials in your purple folder.
- Headphones/AirPods use is NOT allowed during this time.

PACKER PROCESS

MS. NELSON'S PACKER PROCESS



COMPASSION IN THIS CLASSROOM:

- Show compassion for your classmates, your teacher, and yourself.
- Use kind, school-appropriate language in the classroom.
- Always remember: It's okay to be mad but NEVER okay to be mean.
- Be respectful and considerate to all classroom members in your speech and actions.

COLLABORATION IN THIS CLASSROOM:

- Do your fair share in group projects.
- Participation is required. You must participate in all classroom activities.
- Follow Ms. Nelson's posted classroom procedures for beginning of class/end of class, instruction, individual work, group work, quizzes/tests, and presentations.

RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS CLASSROOM:

- Come to class on time with all required materials.
- Turn in your assignments in a timely manner.
- Fill out the late work form if you are turning in an assignment late.
- Regularly check your school email and our Schoology class page.
- Keep your work area neat and tidy. If you make a mess, pick up after yourself.
- Follow all school-wide and classroom policies outlined in the course syllabus.

RESILIENCE IN THIS CLASSROOM:

- Be patient with yourself and others.
- Mistakes are a normal part of the learning process. Do not make fun of others for making mistakes.
- Sign up for a WIN session if you need extra help with the class.
- Keep a positive mindset about your learning journey.