

CP ENGLISH 9

COURSE SYLLABUS
FALL 2026-2027

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE EXISTING SKILLS AND BUILD NEW SKILLS IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT CATEGORIES: 1) READING COMPREHENSION AND ANALYSIS OF BOTH LITERATURE AND INFORMATIONAL TEXT 2) ORGANIZATION, STYLE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL WRITING 3) VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR 4) SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS VITAL TO EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION.
COURSE TEXTS: *OF MICE AND MEN* BY JOHN STEINBECK; FILM / *THE OUTSIDERS* BY S.E. HINTON; FILM / *ROMEO AND JULIET* BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (SPARKNOTES' "NO FEAR SHAKESPEARE" VERSION); FILM (2013) / GLENCOE *LITERATURE* TEXTBOOK

📚MATERIALS NEEDED:
*FOLDER OR BINDER DEVOTED TO THIS COURSE
*CHROMEBOOK
*INDEPENDENT READING NOVEL
*NOTEBOOK PAPER
*PENS & PENCILS
*A GOOD ATTITUDE ☺️

EXPECTATIONS:
IF WE CAN FOLLOW THESE EXPECTATIONS AND COME TO CLASS EACH DAY WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE AND READY TO LEARN, WE WILL ALL HAVE A FANTASTIC YEAR!
*WE WILL ***RESPECT*** OURSELVES AND OTHERS.
*WE WILL ***PREPARE*** BY COMPLETING ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND ARRIVING ON TIME.
*WE WILL PUT FORTH ***EFFORT*** EACH AND EVERY DAY.
*WE WILL ***PARTICIPATE*** IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER.

💥**INDEPENDENT READING!**💥 IN *THE JOURNAL OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE RESEARCH*, RESEARCHERS FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY PUBLISHED DATA PROVING THAT STUDENTS WHO READ FOR PLEASURE SCORED BETWEEN 2% AND 4.5% HIGHER THAN THEIR NON-READING PEERS ON TESTS IN ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, AND HISTORY. ADDITIONALLY, IN A STUDY COMMISSIONED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, RESEARCHER BERNICE CULLINAN OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY FOUND THAT THE VOLUME OF FREE READING A STUDENT DOES DIRECTLY CORRELATES TO ACHIEVEMENT IN "VOCABULARY, READING COMPREHENSION, VERBAL FLUENCY, AND GENERAL INFORMATION." FOR THESE REASONS AND MORE, WE WILL SPEND TIME EACH WEEK IN CLASS READING INDEPENDENTLY CHOSEN BOOKS. YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT READING BOOK IN YOUR POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES. AS SOON AS YOU COMPLETE A BOOK, CHECK OUT A NEW ONE! 📚

RULES:
~FOLLOW ALL SCHOOL RULES AS POSTED.
~📵NO CELL PHONES
~NO HEADPHONES
~KEEP YOUR AREA CLEAN & ORGANIZED.
~BE A GOOD HUMAN.
*SHOW KINDNESS.
*PRACTICE EMPATHY.

✏️ **WRITING:** 🗒️	WE WILL COMPLETE A VARIETY OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL WRITING ASSIGNMENTS RANGING FROM DAILY JOURNALS TO CRITICAL RESPONSES TO LITERATURE AND ARGUMENTATIVE PIECES. STUDENTS SHOULD EXPECT TO PERFORM ALL PARTS OF THE WRITING PROCESS.
GRADING POLICY:	▶️GRADES WILL BE BASED ON CLASSWORK, HOMEWORK, TESTS/QUIZZES, PROJECTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PARTICIPATION. ▶️THE SHS GRADING SCALE WILL BE USED. CHECK PARENT PORTAL. ▶️PLAGIARISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. INFRACTIONS WILL RESULT IN A ZERO ON THE ASSIGNMENT AND POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO ADMIN. THIS INCLUDES INAPPROPRIATE USE OF AI. SIMPLY PUT – DO YOUR OWN WORK. USE YOUR OWN BRAIN.

💻 TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION:
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHROMEBOOK IS CHARGED WHEN YOU COME TO CLASS; MAKE A HABIT OF BRINGING YOUR CHARGER WITH YOU TO SCHOOL! CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND GOOGLE CLASSROOM FREQUENTLY FOR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.
GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODE: QV6FPTJ4