

2020-2021  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade English Syllabus  
Mrs. Shumaker

Welcome to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English! Listed below is an overview of information and requirements for class.

## Class Expectations

- \* Come prepared to class with pencil/pen, notebook, book and completed assignments.
- \* Take notes on information presented.
- \* Be respectful of others ideas and participation.
- \* Participate in groups by being part of the discussion, working on the projects your group is assigned and having a positive attitude while you work.

## Class Discipline Policy

Do not talk out of turn or speak negatively about another classmate's idea, comment, or assignment.

**Do** participate in discussion groups and blog posts.

Do not copy others work – This includes copying others' vocabulary, homework, projects, quizzes or tests.

**Do** collaborate with your group to complete projects.

Do not be late to class – you must be in your seat when the bell rings.

**Consequences:** Verbal Warning, Student/Teacher Conference, Sent to ISS/parent contacted, After-school detention/parent contacted.

## Homework/Classwork/Quizzes/Tests/Projects

**Homework** will include questions from the reading, worksheets, projects, writing assignments, blog posts.

Homework is to be turned in **on time**. Each day late will receive a deduction of 10%. After one week (5 days), the assignment cannot be turned in and will receive a 0%.

**Classwork** – Classwork will include impromptu writing assignments, blogging, exit tickets, partner sharing and DGA.

Daily Grammar Assignments (DGA) is a daily review of grammar, SAT prep, which is completed at the beginning of class.

**Quizzes** will cover vocabulary words and literature pieces. Vocabulary words will be given used to help students prepare for the SAT exam. Words will be given each day with a cumulative quiz each week. Words are to be written down with their definitions in your vocabulary packet. Online students will have all vocabulary words and documents in Google Classroom.

**Tests** grades are from literature pieces, writing assignments and projects.

Projects will count as test grades/May be done individually or in groups. One major project per quarter.

**Outside Reading** – You will need to read 2 independent reading books per marking period. (200 pgs. in length)

## Writing Assignments

Writing assignments will include essays on tests, persuasive essays, blog posts, story writing, poetry, and a research paper. Essays will be done in the "5 Paragraph Essay" format. Assignments will encourage observation, analysis and critical thinking skills.

## Grading

| Category       | Percentage |
|----------------|------------|
| Homework       | 30%        |
| Quizzes        | 30%        |
| Tests/Projects | 40%        |

## Sample schedule

Daily – Vocab/DGA/Literature, Grammar, Rdg. or Wrtg.  
Mondays – Vocab Quizzes  
Wednesdays – Grammar Days, Independent Reading  
Fridays – Writer's Notebook, Test Days, Project Days,