

WELCOME!

It's going to be a great year in Room 301 and Language Arts 10! I'm glad you're here!

OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, we will be exploring literature, practicing writing skills, and developing vocabulary. The skills you learn and practice in this course will help prepare you for the challenges you face ahead—both inside and outside of class.

THE GOAL OF THIS COURSE is to prepare you for life outside of high school by guiding you to read, write and think competently and originally about literary, moral, philosophical, and emotional issues encountered in literature.

BE PREPARED to read and write, participate in class discussions and presentations, and research in order to meet course requirements.

GET READY to work hard, develop your skills and increase your love of the written word. And we'll manage to have some fun along the way, too. I promise.

Complete all Reading Assignments—it's essential for success
Actively Participate in Class—answer questions, volunteer, discuss, listen
Be Prepared—have paper, a pen or pencil, and whatever we're reading

COURSE CONTENT

It's Language Arts. We read. We write. We read and write some more.

READING

Reading activities will focus on close textual examination and analyzing the author's deliberate choices, including theme, characterization, irony, symbolism, & use of rhetorical strategies.

A major goal of the course will be to ensure that arguments and interpretations are supported with textual evidence.

With each work, a reading schedule will be provided and may include reading assignments over weekends and extended breaks. Students should be prepared to have nightly reading.

WRITING

Writing activities will focus on interpreting and analyzing literature and will follow and refine the structured writing model introduced in ninth grade.

A major element in the study of each work will be the writing of an analytical essay focusing on some major aspect of the work.

You will be given the opportunity to improve your writing by undergoing the multiple steps of the writing process and by completing numerous drafts of major papers..

MAJOR WORKS

All Quiet on the Western Front
Julius Caesar
Lord of the Flies
Night
Catcher in the Rye

We'll also be reading short stories, non-fiction essays and poems.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other class activities will include studying vocabulary and literary/rhetorical devices, individual and group presentations focusing on major works, research, and standardized assessment prep.

All have been designed to increase the skills necessary to be a successful student of language arts and to prepare students for the demands of future courses.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

The literature we will read this year has been selected for common themes and relevance. These essential questions apply to each of the major works we will read this year.

How does one overcome the flaws of humankind to find hope, beauty, purpose and identity in the world?

How does fear control society?

What is the inherent nature of humankind?

How does a student's background and perspective affect the understanding of decisions, actions & consequences?

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

School rules are in the handbook. They apply in this class.

PLAGIARISM/cheating are serious offenses. The first incident of plagiarism/cheating will result in a 0 on the assignment or test. The only portions of assignments that should show as "unoriginal" in turnitin.com are direct quotations which are properly cited. All other work must be your own.

SHOW PRIDE

Persevere, show respect, demonstrate integrity, be dependable and encourage others.

Electronic devices may be used to listen to music during work time. The other use of your devices is based on your respectful and responsible use. If I have to warn you more than once, your phone will go to "phone jail" (aka a basket on my desk, retrievable after class.)

BE ON TASK

Do your own best work on every assignment. Copying other students' work, "sharing" answers, or copying from the Internet is strictly forbidden. Most work in this class will be submitted via turnitin.com.

DO YOUR OWN WORK

MEET DUE DATES

PROBLEMS? If you find yourself in extenuating circumstances preventing you from getting an assignment done on time, discuss them with me prior to the due date. Talk to me as soon as you know there's a problem. We can usually work something out. The sooner you talk to me, the better.

Meeting deadlines is an important life skill. My expectation is that you will complete work on time.

ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP WORK

We all get sick or go on field trips sometimes. Here's what to know about work you miss when you're gone.

Work due the day you were gone is due the day you get back.

Check the class website
ckingla.weebly.com
to find out what you missed!

You have 2 days for every day you were absent (excused) to get your missed work in. Work completed and turned in within this window does NOT need the incomplete or missing assignment sheet, but you do need to check the website while you are gone and check in with me upon your return.

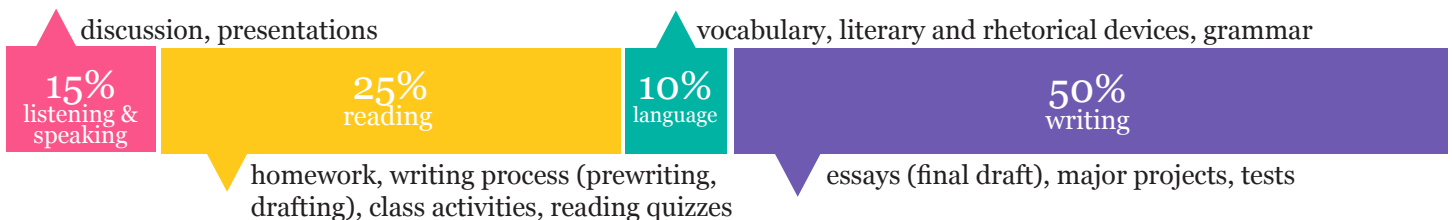
Need more time? See me, or use the missing assignment sheet.

Tests will be made up the day you return.

It's your responsibility to find out what you missed and to do it.

GRADING CATEGORIES

Grades are broken down into the following categories. Grades are cumulative—they keep going at the quarter.



GRADING SCALE

There are no extra credit opportunities. Do your best work on every assignment to maximize your grade!



QUESTIONS? Check the class website at ckingla.weebly.com.
STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? Email me at kingce@svsd410.or or call at 425-831-8174.

CLASSROOM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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TURNING IN WORK

There are four main ways to turn in work in this class. I'll tell you in advance which one to use for each assignment.

hand it to me

Mostly used for quick in-class activities where responses are going to be shared on the board.

notebook

Most activities during class time will be completed and saved in your notebook. This notebook will be collected quarterly (so twice each semester.)

turn in bin

Some activities (quizzes, one-pagers, creative projects) will be submitted on paper and turned in to the appropriate bin.

turnitin.com

Writing assignments (essays, paragraphs, etc.) will be uploaded to turnitin.com. You will enroll during class.

INCOMPLETE, MISSING AND LATE WORK

Assignments are due at the stated date and time. Sometimes, life happens. Here's what to do in those rare instances.

Assignments turned in on time will earn full credit and full esteem from your teacher. Way to go!

Late work will only be accepted when an incomplete/missing assignment form was filled out on the due date. When you turn in the late assignment by the revised deadline (no more than one week from the original deadline) and a completed late work form, your work will be evaluated and you may earn up to full credit. Failure to complete the assignment by the new deadline will result in the temporary grade of 50% becoming permanent.

complete work

On the due date, you will turn in completed assignments using the format specified in advance. You don't need to do anything else, because you have met the deadline and expectations. Well done!

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incomplete work

On the due date, if the assignment is only partially done, you will turn in the assignment as well as an incomplete/missing assignment form. On this form, you will set a new deadline to complete the work.

02

Turning in a partially-complete assignment and an incomplete/missing work form will result in a temporary grade of 50% in the gradebook. You have up to one week past the deadline to complete the assignment and earn full credit.

late work

When you complete an incomplete or missing assignment, staple the late work form to the assignment and/or the incomplete/missing work form and turn it in using the specified format.

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03

missing work

If you have not done any of the assignment, you will turn in the incomplete/missing work form and set a new deadline to complete the assignment.

Turning in an incomplete/missing work form will result in a temporary grade of 50% in the gradebook. You have up to one week past the deadline to complete the assignment and earn full credit. Failure to turn in an incomplete/missing assignment sheet will result in a permanent score of 0.

LEAVING CLASS

Sometimes, you just need to go to the bathroom.

Trips should not be made during direct instruction or discussion. Go when it's appropriate.

Missing more than 15 minutes of a class period result in being marked absent. (School policy)

Abuse of this privilege will result in loss of the privilege.