

PS35 Manhattan High School @ Beacon School  
English 9 (A Band) Syllabus

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Class Description:

English 9 is a foundational course in Language Arts that will engage students in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and other communication skills. We will be diving into a variety of texts analyzing the author's choice and purpose. As a class, we will be analyzing fiction, poetry, and nonfiction to learn about how these works are organized, planned, researched, written, and published. In addition, we will be working on several writing projects over the course of the year varying from research essays, creative writing, presentations, etc. I have high expectations for all of my students this year, and there is no doubt that you will have a great amount of success.

Below is an outline of our class units:

- Unit 1: Foundations
- Unit 2: Short stories and Fairy tales
- Unit 3: Persepolis
- Unit 4: Analytical novel (TBD)
- Unit 5: Research

Classroom Procedures:

- Do now: Every class period we will open with a 5-10 minute writing prompt or exercise to set our thinking for the day. It is expected that students will arrive to class on time and calmly get to work.
- Technology: You will need laptops for class everyday. Your computer must remain closed on your desk until you are asked to open it. Your cell phones must be turned off and stored in your backpack for the duration of class.
- Food: No food allowed in the classroom besides a small-quick snack such as a granola bar if necessary.
- Bathroom: Due to COVID precautions, you need to sign out and sign in when leaving class to go to the bathroom. Ms. Watson will also monitor the door while you are out of the room.

Supplies:

All supplies will be provided by the school. In class, we will be using laptops, pens and pencils, notebooks, and our digital tools.

Missing Class and Late Work:

It is expected that you attend every class prepared and that your assignments are completed on time. **Please let your instructor(s) know if you are going to miss class so that we can plan accordingly.** If you miss a class it is your responsibility to review what we covered and ask questions to your teachers as needed. Each unit will have a google slides presentation that covers what we learned on a given day to familiarize yourself with what you missed. You should ask a classmate for notes as well. If you miss a class in which we took a test/quiz, held an essay workshop, or covered essential information we may ask you to meet separately to work one-on-one to get caught up.

Late work will not be accepted unless it is discussed with the teacher beforehand. You will have the opportunity to turn in every assignment, but you must be proactive about communication.

### Grading

Your course grade will be broken down as: 60% minor assignments 40% major assignments. A minor assignment is any classwork, worksheet, or other activity that elicits your participation and engagement with the course material. Major assignments will comprise of unit-end essays, projects, and long-form projects.

### Grading Scale:

A 93-100 A- 90-93 B+ 87-99 B 83-87 B- 80-83 C+ 77-80 C 73-77 C- 70-73 D+ 67-70 D 63-67 D- 60-63 F

### Expectations (to be edited after first day of school):

- We will keep side conversations at a minimum
- We will follow all classroom procedures
- We will use respectful and constructive language
- We will pay attention to deadlines
- We will come to class prepared
- We will ask questions and communicate with Ms. Crisci and Ms. Watson about confusion

### About me:

Hello! I am so excited to have you in my classroom this semester. I am originally from San Francisco, CA but moved to New York to be closer to family. This is my first year teaching at Manhattan High School. Outside of school I enjoy staying active through running, hiking, and walking my dog Wally. I love exploring all the arts in the city, particularly musical theater. On weekends you could find me drinking WAY too much coffee or trying something new with friends. I am also a devout SF Giants, Golden State Warriors, and Green Bay Packers fan. This year I am excited to get to know you all and help you become better writers and readers!