

PS35 Manhattan High School @ Beacon School  
English 9 Syllabus

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Class Description:

WELCOME!! English 9 is a foundational course in English Language Arts that will engage students in the areas of reading, writing, and speaking. As a class, we will be analyzing fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama 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, creative writing, and presentations. 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.

Supplies:

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

Class units:

- Unit 1: Assessment and Short Stories
- Unit 2: Informational Reading and Writing
- Unit 3: Novel Study
- Unit 4: Poetry: *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- Unit 5: Drama: *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

Grading

Your course grade will be broken down as: 50% Engagement, 30% Minor Assignments, and 20% major assignments.

Students will grade themselves daily on their engagement in class which comprises their participation, completion of classwork, treatment of others and supplies, and attitudes towards learning. Students should understand that by grading themselves, they are truly in charge of their performance in class and can be successful. Daily, students grade themselves out of 10 based on the following 10 norms:

#### Engagement Grade breakdown:

1	Arrive to class on time
2	Respect classroom supplies and space
3	Use kind language
4	Put cell phones away
5	Listen to your Peers and Teachers
6	Come Prepared
7	Use tech responsibly
8	Help one another
9	Don't leave class without permission
10	Have fun!

#### 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 planning to miss class so that we can plan accordingly. Per the grading breakdown, classwork is included in your engagement grade, so many missed assignments and classes will result in a lower grade. Minor assignments and Major assignments significantly impact your grade so prioritize completing those to the best of your ability.

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 extra help as well.

#### 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 second 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 theater. On weekends you could find me drinking too much coffee or trying something new with friends. I am also a huge SF Golden State Warriors fan. This year I am excited to get to know you all and help you become better writers and readers!