

LANGUAGE ARTS I –College Prep
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Course Outline 2018-19 School Year
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Please e-mail me with any questions!! 😊

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” Eleanor Roosevelt

Welcome! I am looking forward to being your Language Arts Teacher!! 😊

MAIN OBJECTIVE: The main objective of this course is to provide a detailed study of language skills both written and spoken. In order to achieve this objective, we will be spending time in class reading, analyzing, and discussing literature, learning the writing process, addressing the **Common Core State Standards (CCSS)** and practicing listening, and speaking skills. Students will learn literary terms, grammar, extended vocabulary, and will participate in reading various genres of literature both inside and outside the classroom.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS: LAI English Students will:

- 1) Understand and effectively utilize the writing process
- 2) Be proficient in grammar, extended vocabulary and usage skills
- 3) Be able to successfully identify and understand literary terms
- 4) Understand, analyze, and respond to various genres of literature, fiction and non fiction
- 5) Successfully compose clear, well focused and well written essays
- 6) Successfully participate in class activities
- 7) Participate effectively in class demonstrating CCSS comprehension and competence
- 8) Demonstrate Visual Thinking Strategies
- 9) Successfully format essays adhering to MLA (Modern Language Standards)

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS: Students are expected to:

- 1) Complete all assignments on time
- 2) Bring paper, pen, pencil and notebook everyday
- 3) Bring a separate notebook for journal responses
- 4) Complete a daily journal entry
- 5) Participate in class activities
- 6) Have a positive attitude
- 7) Be prompt, be prepared, be polite and show respect for others
- 8) Attend class and be on time
- 9) Take pride in their work by being creative, and working carefully and neatly
- 10) Find and plan access to a computer for some assignments

ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN ON TIME FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN FULL CREDIT. ASSIGNMENTS NOT TURNED IN ON TIME WILL BE REDUCED ONE LETTER GRADE FOR EACH DAY LATE. IF A STUDENT IS ABSENT, IT IS HIS OR HER RESPONSIBILITY TO LEARN ABOUT ANY MISSING ASSIGNMENTS. IF YOU ARE ABSENT ON THE DAY AN ESSAY OR PROJECT IS DUE, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO E MAIL ME THE ASSIGNMENT FOR POTENTIAL FULL CREDIT AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY, UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

GRADES: Each assignment is worth points based on the complexity of the assignment. Points are earned by completing homework assignments, writing assignments, class work, quizzes and tests, projects and presentations, group work, daily journal entries and positive class participation. Grades are updated in Aeries at least every two weeks.

HOMEWORK: Homework assignments consist of outside reading and responding to literature, writing assignments, vocabulary work and creating projects for class presentation. Homework is not to exceed 30 minutes per night, Monday-Friday.

TESTS AND QUIZZES: If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with me to make up the missed test or quiz **within 5 school days** after you have returned to school.. Failure to do so will result in a 0 for the assigned test or quiz.

JOURNALS: Students will complete a daily journal entry. Students will need to respond to the journal entry prompt and demonstrate understanding of the prompt. Journal entries and discussion will reflect the unit/quarter study sync themes. Journals are graded at the end of the semester and are **worth 200 pts per semester**. Journals will be checked periodically throughout the semester by instructor. Participation is important!!! Bring your journal everyday to class. Students are required to participate in class discussions regarding journal prompt.

ABSENCES: Every day counts!!! If you are absent, please contact me to find out what you missed in class or see me when you return to class to obtain any missing work..

TARDIES- Students are expected to attend class on time. Students that are habitually tardy will receive a teacher detention and/or Saturday school and parental contact.

CELL PHONE USAGE- Cell phones are not permitted during instructional time in the classroom. Students need to silence phone and store phone in purse or backpack during class time.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE- Students are to remain in assigned seat at all times during class time unless student has received permission from me to leave their seat. Students are expected to be prompt, prepared and polite every day!! ☺

COURSE CONTENT:

UNIT 1- (FIRST SEMESTER- 1ST QUARTER)- Dreams and Aspirations- What makes a dream worth pursuing? *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

UNIT 2- (FIRST SEMESTER, 2ND QUARTER) Leadership- What are the responsibilities of power? *The Odyssey* by Homer

UNIT 3- (SECOND SEMESTER, 3RD QUARTER) – Compassion and Empathy- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

UNIT 4- (SECOND SEMESTER- 4TH QUARTER) All for Love- How does love move and change us? *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

PLEASE BRING YOUR JOURNAL NOTEBOOK TOMORROW!!

You will be receiving your Google Classroom login code within the next few days! ☺

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING YEAR!! MRS FEIGHERY

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