

COURSE OUTLINE

Welcome to English 10 with Ms. Citton.

This year's in English 10, we will dabble in a variety of texts: print, electronic, and media related. Using those texts, we will think critically, identify bias, analyze intent and create compositions that are persuasive in nature.

In June, you will write the Provincial Exam. On the BC Ministry of Education website, Practice Provincials and their answer keys are available online. While we will practice in class, feel free to download other exams. Be sure to choose the correct grade and exam to practice.



This year's theme:

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and man loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:19

Units

Short Stories

In preparation for the Provincial Exam, we will read the following short stories and respond to them either by writing Making Connections paragraphs and/or literary paragraphs. Of course, there will also be some creative and inspiring assignments.

Edgar Allen Poe *The Tell-Tale Heart*; *The Cask of Amontillado*

Shirley Jackson *The Lottery*; *The Possibility of Evil*

Budge Wilson *The Metaphor*

Saki *The Interlopers*

Morley Callaghan *The Snob*

Poetry

Poetry will be scattered throughout the year and used to enhance themes, images, and ideas. It will also be used as a synthesis technique and outlet for your feelings along the way.

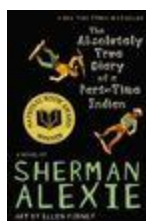
Speech Arts

This year's Speech Arts competition will take place on April 1st. A persuasive speech and essay with strong, well-constructed arguments will be the main assessment in this unit. May this year's theme and content inspire you.



Dante's *Inferno*

This is one of my favorite pieces of literature. Come with me on a journey through the nine circles of Hell and see retribution and punishment at its finest. Dante's Inferno is one of the most referenced pieces of literature in the world. It will follow you throughout your life. A must read.



Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

Follow the decisions, consequences, and life story of Arnold Spirit Jr. - a fourteen year old boy who leaves his Indian Reservation to attend an all-white high school.

Cultural and Media Studies

Towards the end of the year, we will look at evil, society, and bias through Culture and Media. We will read and respond to texts in light of what we learned earlier in the year.



Assessment and Evaluation

Your final grade will NOT be determined until your last assignment or exam has been marked. Your grade can change day-to-day, based on your mastery of the learning outcomes. To view these learning outcomes, [click here](#).

The breakdown of marks:
 25% Oral Language
 27% Reading and Viewing
 8% Accelerated Reader
 40% Writing and Representing

Supplies

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| • 1 x 1½ -2 in. binder | • White out | • Notebook/Journal |
| • Dividers | • Pencil | • Lined Paper |
| • Pens – black, blue and red | • Eraser | |

Absences and Lates

Absences

Students are responsible for all missed work. If a student misses a test or assignment because of an unexcused absence, he/she will receive a mark of **zero**. Missed tests are to be written before or after school or at an arranged time.

All assignments and missed work will be on the website under the homework tab. Students are responsible for checking the website and completing missed work. Students should make every effort to return to class prepared. In order to do this, it is important that you contact me directly (in person or via email) or consult the course webpage **before** returning to class.

In the event of an extended absence, students are requested to bring a written explanation from their parents at least two weeks in advance.

Late to Class

Students will require a late slip to enter class after the second bell. Three lates will result in a detention.

Late Policy in regards to Assignments

There will be no mark penalty for late work until such time that the class work is marked and handed back. At this time, late assignments will not be accepted for marks.

Cell Phones and other Electronics

Cell phones and other electronic devices may be used only with the **permission of the teacher**.

Students may bring a personal laptop to class in order to complete in-class assignments; should students choose to bring their own computer, they are responsible for it.

