



*"If one reads enough books one has a fighting chance. Or better, one's chances of survival increase with each book one reads." – Sherman Alexie*

#### UPCOMING UNITS AND IMPORTANT DATES

*\*Subject to change*

October 22: Begin thematic unit  
Gentlemen: Identity & Conformity  
Ladies: Masks and Identity

October 29: Early dismissal  
October 31: Early dismissal

November: *Theme Paragraph X-Grade* date TBA

November 14: Report Cards go Home  
November 20: Parent Teacher Interviews

December: Exam

#### *Welcome to English 9 with Ms. Citton*

*Hello! A few things you need to know about me: I teach two blocks of English 9 – one of ladies, and one of gentlemen – and I love it. I am also the Educational Coordinator of Student Resources, Basketball coach, and one of the organizers for the Outdoor Club.*

#### **What's going on? What's Coming Up?**

So far in English we've been working on a short story unit focusing on character and character sketches. We'll be moving into theme and thematic literary paragraphs very soon.

Among other tasks, students have written two cross-grade assessments: an original composition, and a character sketch. In November, they will write a literary paragraph on theme.

#### *AR Points*

For grade 9, students need 40 AR points in order to earn the full 8% on their report card. Student may earn AR points in a variety of way: either by reading and responding to the articles of the week, or reading novels and completing the AR quizzes. If your son/daughter would like to explore other options of acquiring AR points, I'm very open to suggestions.

#### *Website*

I operate a website that is updated on a daily basis. A synopsis of the day's activities as well as homework, notes, and assignments appear on the homework page. Please visit:

[ms-citton.weebly.com](http://ms-citton.weebly.com)

#### *After School Club*

Students are welcome to attend after school club Monday-Thursday from 2:45-3:45. Staff and peer tutors are available to help with homework, assignments, and/or organization/planning.

#### *Remind 101*

To receive notification of homework and up-coming assignments/tests, please text to (418) 800-7897 with the message:

Girl's class: @ndeng9b

Boy's class: @ndeng9c



*Please do not hesitate to contact me.*

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