

ENGLISH 11

COURSE OUTLINE AND CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Mr. D McGuire (B114)

Welcome to English 11, a course in which we use literature as a vehicle to further the development of our literacy. Emphasis will be placed upon the further development of reading strategies and writing skills. The following content areas and skills will be the focus of this year...

- Novel Studies: Lord of the Flies, Lit Circles
- Short Stories: A selection of unique and varied stories from Imprints
- Non-Fiction prose: A selection of topical pieces.
- Poetry
- Drama- Shakespeare's Macbeth and one film study.
- Writing: 30% of you mark will be taken directly from writing. This includes literary responses, and essays.
- The Media, and its role in society (ongoing, interspersed into other content areas).

SUPPLIES: You must arrive to each class equipped with the proper supplies. You will need:

- a binder
- an ample supply of lined, loose-leaf paper
- pencil case
- ruler
- pens for writing (dark blue or black only! **No funky colours!**)
- red pen
- highlighter
- pencils
- a good eraser
- any textbook we are using
- and, most importantly, **YOUR AGENDA BOOK!!!**

(Can you tell that this is taken from the Grade 8 Course outline? But please come prepared)

PREPAREDNESS: You are expected to come to class with ALL the necessary supplies, textbooks, and homework assignments.

ATTENDANCE: It is important that students attend every class. If an absence cannot be avoided, it is your responsibility to find out what you have missed, and to complete any assignment. A signed note from a parent or guardian explaining the reason for the absence must be given to the teacher when you return. **If you are absent for a test, you will be required to write the test on the day you return.**

Please be on time. If you arrive late to a job, you will be fired. Good habits start here. And I will not be holding any hands. **If you do not attend, you will not succeed.**

HOMEWORK: You are expected to submit all assignments on time. Homework assignments will be checked at the beginning of class; major assignments must be submitted before you leave class on the due date. Late assignments will be penalized in accordance with English Department guidelines.

MARKS: Your mark will be collected from a variety of sources, including tests, quizzes, projects, homework, group work, participation, and writing. Please remember that 30% of your overall mark will come from writing.

LETTER GRADES / PERCENTAGE POINT CUTOFFS:

A	86–100%
B	73–85%
C+	67–72%
C	60–66%
C–	50–59%
I	below 50% ☹

PARENTS:

If your parental units have any questions about this course, or any concern about your progress, please have them contact me via e-mail at **dmcguire@vsb.bc.ca**, or phone the school at 604–713–8950. Mention that I answer e-mails promptly, but that I am less prompt when it comes to phone calls.