

# Syllabus English 9/10

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If students have questions, I encourage them to contact me themselves in order to develop communication and self-advocacy skills. However, if parents have an important question, please email anytime! All emails will be answered within 24 hours except on weekends.

**Course Description:** English 9/10 is course based on expository, reading, and writing skills (California State University ERWC curriculum is frequently used). Two novels are read a year, one of which will be a Shakespeare text. Informational texts that encourage critical thinking will be used as supplemental assignments. Essays will be assigned regularly.

## I. Required Materials

- A. A minimum of **two pens in black or blue ink** and a minimum of two pencils.
- B. **3- Ring binder** and **DIVIDERS** (1" – 1 1/2" size binder) –Organization is a vital skill to be successful in this class and the binder serve to help students stay organized.
- C. **Loose binder paper** for note taking.
- D. **CORE Butte Google account** username and password for class assignments.

## II. Attendance

- A. Because we only meet twice weekly, class attendance is expected and extremely important. Students will receive 10 points for weekly attendance and participation. Students will lose points for being tardy or absent from class:
  - 1. -2 points for arriving to class late
  - 2. -5 points for not attending class
- B. I do not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences.
- C. It is the student's responsibility to find out what lessons and assignments they missed if tardy or absent. Assignments are always listed on Google classroom.
- D. Students will have the same number of days absent to make up work without penalty.
- E. If a student misses more than four class periods in a learning period, he/she will receive a Missing Assignment Report.

## III. Homework/Class Routines

- A. **Homework is due EVERY TUESDAY. There will be a grammar quiz EVERY THURSDAY.** Missing more than a week of work will result in a Missing Assignment Report.
- B. Major writing assignments are to be typed on a computer. Assignments written in a student's own handwriting will be by the teacher permission only and in either black or dark blue ink.

#### IV. Late Work

- A. **Any late assignments are 50% off, and will only be accepted up until the end of the learning period.** After the learning period is over, no late work is accepted.
- B. Excused absences on the day of any assignments or quizzes must be made up and is to be handed in on the first day the student returns for class OR submitted via email/Google classroom if it is an electronic document.

#### V. Classroom Rules

- A. Attend class every day. Be punctual and ready to work at the beginning of class.
- B. Come to class prepared with required books and materials.
- C. Listen to instructions, write down assignments and due dates. Complete **ALL** assignments ON TIME.
- D. Treat every person in the class with courtesy, respect, and tolerance.

#### VI. Grading Policy

- A. All graded work will receive points and grades will be based on each student's cumulative performance during each learning period.
- B. Points on all graded items are added up at the end of each grading period and the final grade is based on the following percentage scale:

100+% = A+	88-89% = B+	78-79 = C+	68-69 = D+
93-99 = A	83-87 = B	73-77 = C	63-67 = D
90-92 = A-	80-82 = B-	70-72 = C-	60-62 = D-

Points continue to be accumulated for the entire semester. A student's semester grade is a reflection of all the work done for the entire semester, not just one learning period. Grades can be tracked on the student's portal account.

*Parent/Teacher Contact*

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through my school email: [hschmidt@corebutte.org](mailto:hschmidt@corebutte.org)

I have read and understand the class requirements, rules, and grading system.

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Student's Signature

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**TEAR OFF THIS BACK PAGE AFTER SIGNING AND RETURN IT TO  
MS. SCHMIDT. THIS IS YOUR FIRST CLASS ASSIGNMENT!**