



English 10 Reg Syllabus 2022-2023



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Course Objectives:

The tenth-grade course is a study of English language arts skills utilizing works of literature and literary nonfiction. By the end of tenth grade, students are prepared for focused literacy skills, writing skills, speaking skills, and language & grammar skills.

Materials: writing utensil (blue/black pen or pencil (sharpened)), Chromebook (charged), note cards, variety of colored highlighters.

Books we will likely (possibly) read (alternative selections available by parent request):

1. *Selected Stories* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
2. *Essential American Documents and Speeches: Volume One* published by Prestwick House
3. *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare
4. *Lord of the Flies* - William Golding
5. *Old Man and the Sea* - Ernest Hemmingway
6. *House on Mango Street* - Sandra Cisneros
7. *Reading Informational Texts: Nonfiction Passages and Exercises Based on the Common Core State Standards* published by Prestwick House
8. Selected short stories
 - a. "Sticks" by George Saunders
 - b. "The Sound of Thunder" by Ray Bradbury
 - c. "The Wife's Story" by Ursula LeGuin
 - d. "The Monkey's Paw" WW Jacobs
 - e. "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson
 - f. "The Smallest Dragonboy" by Anne McCaffrey

English 10 Policies:

- **Late Policy** – all major assignments and digitally submitted assignments (i.e. research papers, presentations, etc.) are due on the day they are originally scheduled regardless of an absence. Please make arrangements if you are going to be absent.

- Work will be accepted late for only 2 weeks, after that the assignment will be recorded as a zero. It will be marked missing on the day it was due, then after two weeks it will be marked as a zero and can no longer be submitted.
- **Final Draft Format** - All final drafts of major written assignments are to be typed or word-processed (12 point font, double spaced, Times New Roman) and must adhere to the essay format (MLA) unless otherwise specified.
- **Submitting Essays** - All written assignments will be submitted via turnitin.com and Writable.
- **Mastery:** I want you to master the skills and concepts I will be teaching you, however you won't all master them at the time or in the same way. Therefore, I offer retries on all assignments where points were lost due to misunderstanding. If you wish to retry an assignment, you need to first meet with me for reteaching and to discuss the skills or concepts you did not master. Then you have one week to complete the assignment again and receive credit.
- **PRIDE SCORE- Career Readiness standards and SL .1** explanation-These standards will be assessed based on your work ethic, professional career conduct, and preparation during class (also virtual). Think of this as a job. If you were at a job and doing everything you were supposed to be doing and doing a great job, your boss would give you a raise. If you perform your job with positive characteristics, you get a "raise". That is an A for this grade. If you have a day or two where you struggle, you would see that reflected in a "write up" at a job, here, you will see a deduction in grade points and comments on your progress report in progressbook- reports out to admin and parents.

P	Property	<p>Property /Objects in a classroom are not yours for the taking or destruction. Use work-related tools and property as if you are grateful for them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cell phones are prohibited unless authorized by the teacher. ● Chromebooks are only used for instruction and at the request/ direction of your teacher. Consistently uncharged chromebook and abuse of the chromebook charging station is a deduction of a point ● Chromebooks - You will need your chromebook EVERY DAY. Please bring it with enough charge to use for the entire period. There is a charging station provided in the classroom. You are welcome to put your chromebook on the charging station any time your chromebook is not being used for the class. You cannot sit at the charging station or charge your chromebook while at your desk. ● Headphones/earbuds are prohibited unless authorized by the teacher. 	-One point per incident, including possible the confiscation of the object misused per office referral-
R	Respect	<p>Respect all members of the team and yourself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● sleeping ● disengagement ● talking out of turn ● other disruptions are seen as disrespectful to your peers and or teachers 	-One point per incident +/-
I	Integrity	<p>What is said aloud, or written is valued as an action. It is your character revealed. Choose words carefully. You get what you give.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Code of Conduct - The MVHS conduct code will be enforced. There is a Zero Tolerance Policy concerning cruelty, harassment, excessive teasing, discrimination, 	-One point per incident. +/- office referral for zero-tolerance offenses

		violence, and intimidation. Foul language, derogatory remarks, and disrespect toward classmates, teachers and school staff will not be tolerated.	
D	Decency	<p>Your time is valuable, so is the time of the rest of the learners in this environment. Disruption of learning time could include”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late work (see late policy) • Getting up/ packing up before bell rings • Consistent tardiness • Taking too long with a hall pass) • Disruption of class time 	Half a point per incident
E	Excellence	<p>Complete work that is so well done that it is an honor to put your name on it.</p> <p>Plagiarism and cheating-</p> <p>Cheating and Academic Dishonesty - Cheating and plagiarism on any schoolwork will result in a zero on the assignment and an administrative referral.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copying something from another source, whether copied and pasted word-for-word or changed some but retaining the same structure and ideas, WITHOUT citing the source • Using someone else’s ideas or words when the assignment asked for your own ideas • Working with a partner on an assignment that partner work was not approved for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Allowing someone else to copy your work or ideas knowingly 	-half a point on some assignments can be added to or deducted fromWorth/ Career readiness score. However, cheating and plagiarism is covered in the student handbook. Office referral and consequences of MVHS WILL apply.

Standard Based Grading Scale

Mark	Value	Starting %	Mark	Value	Starting%
A	4	100	C-	2.8	70
A-	3.8	95	D+	2.7	67
B+	3.6	90	D	2.5	62.5
B	3.5	87	D-	2.4	60
B-	3.2	80	F	1-0	50 and below
C+	3.2	77.5			
C	3	75			

After You AND your parent/ guardian- read this syllabus- your first assignment is for your guardian to send me an email from the preferred contact email address that they want me to use to invite them to our google classroom and for other correspondences. This is a graded PRIDE assignment.