



# Reynolds High School

## Language Arts 10

*Building Relationships for Academic Success*

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**Required Textbooks/Materials:** Pen or pencil, Chromebook, relevant texts

**Course Description:** Language Arts 10 is a required Sophomore level course that centers around literary analysis and argumentative writing. We will be exploring culturally diverse texts, practicing critical thinking, and strengthening reading and writing skills.

**Course Requirements:** By the end of the school year, you will be able to write a five paragraph essay including an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. You will learn how to incorporate textual evidence and direct quotes smoothly into your writing, and how to use proper MLA format. In addition, you will grow in reading comprehension, vocabulary knowledge, critical thinking, and literary analysis. We will read three novels supplemented with short stories, poems, non fiction pieces, and documentaries.

### **Grading Policy Description:**

- \* Mastery assignments (Tests, Quizzes, Essays, Mind Maps): 60% of your grade
- \* Classwork (Rough drafts, notes, worksheets): 30% of your grade
- \* Power (Participation, organization, following rules, binders): 10% of your grade

### **Letter Grade Description**

Grade Percentage	Scale Grading	Letter Grade	Description
90-100	4	A	The student fully understands the content and the course objectives have been mastered.
80-89	3	B	The student understands the content and course objectives at an above average level.
70-79	2	C	The student understands the course content and course objectives at an average level.
60-69	1	D	The student the course content at a below average level and a minimum of course objectives are met.
Below 60	0	F	The student has not met a sufficient number of course objectives to pass at a minimum level and receives no credit.

**Late Work/Retake Policy:** If you are absent, the first thing you should do is check Schoology. All assignments will be there and you are welcome to print anything you need. If you still have questions, ask another student or Ms. Emms. Regarding late work, it will be accepted anytime DURING A UNIT without a reduced grade. After the unit is over, no work will be accepted from that unit. I will give ample reminders to students when we are nearing the end of a unit. Mastery essays and projects MAY be allowed outside a unit, but only if the student has personally communicated with Ms. Emms about the situation.

**Sustained Silent Reading (SSR):** We will have 20-30 minutes of SSR twice a week. Students must always have their choice books ready for SSR. We will go to the library with the goal of getting choice books that match a student's interests and passions. They can read anything (except on a phone) during SSR.

**Unit Packets:** We do the majority of our daily work in packets designated for each unit. To receive full points for unit packets, all daily work should have a stamp on it given by Ms. Emms. This indicates they used class time well and finished during the period. Parents are encouraged to check in with their students regarding their unit packets so they keep on track. The unit packets in class are worth a significant amount and it's hard for them if they get too behind.

### Course Schedule/Outline of Units

<b>September</b>	<b>UNIT 1: Poetry</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>UNIT 2: Elements of Fiction</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>UNIT 2: Elements of Fiction</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>UNIT 3: Dystopian Literature and Research</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>UNIT 3: Dystopian Literature and Research</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>UNIT 4: Argumentative Writing</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>UNIT 4: Argumentative Writing</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>UNIT 5: Literary Analysis</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>UNIT 5: Literary Analysis</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>UNIT 5: Literary Analysis</b>

**Class Expectations:**

1. Stay in your seats until the bell rings. Do not herd by the door beforehand.
2. Keep backpacks off the tables and on the floor. Be engaged and ready to learn!
3. Cell phones are not to be out unless Ms. Emms explicitly says you can have them out. Ms. Emms will tell them when its ok.
4. Airpods should be removed unless it is work time and you want to listen to music.
5. Have your notebook and choice book with you every day. You can store them in the classroom if you like.
6. Have your Chromebook (CHARGED AND READY) every day. There are not extra chargers in the classroom.
7. Bathroom and hall passes will be written in your planner and signed by Ms. Emms. If you don't have a planner, don't ask to leave. If you are gone more than 5 minutes, you may not be allowed to go again. Be trustworthy.

*If you have any questions or concerns, at any time, email Ms. Emms. Communication is key!  
Here's to a great Sophomore year!! -Emms*

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*P.S. Tell me something awesome about your kid....*

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