

# English 9

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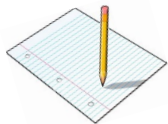
## Remind Text Alerts

Sign up for the class text alerts for updates on homework, tests, quizzes and other important dates. Download the Remind App to be able to chat with Ms. Aymor for help.

Text @aymor To 81010

## Class Materials

- Folder for English work only
- Notebook (provided by Mrs. Aymor)
- Novels (provided by Mrs. Aymor)



- Pencils/Pens EVERYDAY
- Highlighters
- Chromebook

## Grades

A = 94-100

A- = 90-93

B+ = 87-89

B = 84-86

B- = 80-83

C+ = 77-79

C = 74-76

C- = 70-73

D+ = 67-69

D = 64-66

D- = 60-63

F = 59 & lower

## Rules & Expectations

### WE WILL:

- Follow the rules of the OHS Student Handbook
- Treat others as we would like to be treated and show CARE for our peers, teachers, ourselves and our building and community
- Listen to, participate with, and respect each other
- Work on COMMUNICATION with one another on a daily basis
- Be PRINCIPLED in all actions, responses and interactions
- Practice being OPEN-MINDED and respectful of all opinions
- Do our best to remain BALANCED in order to get the most out of class

### MRS. AYMOR & MRS. PERKINS:

- Will provide opportunities for INQUIRY
- Help you become more KNOWLEDGEABLE
- Will provide assignments, scenarios, and articles that encourage THINKING and forming your own opinion in a safe environment
- Will encourage you to be a RISK-TAKER, to challenge yourself daily
- Will provide an environment where you feel comfortable, encouraged and supported while being REFLECTIVE on lessons, topics, and assignments

### OTHER:

- Save your passes for emergencies only
- Arrange for make-up work immediately after absence (I will not come to you)
- Take care of all supplies used during class
- Stay in your seat while teacher is speaking and work until bell rings

**POWERSCHOOL**

- \*. Grades will be available in PowerSchool.
- Please check regularly to ask me any questions that you might have about a particular grade. This can be done through email, or before or after class.
- If you do not have a PowerSchool login, you can get one from Mrs. Pilon in the Student Services office.

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## IB OVERVIEW and the AIM

International Baccalaureate (IB) offers high quality programs of international education to a worldwide community of schools. It is employed to organize cross-curricular units to give students a broader perspective of course content. Its main goal is to increase student awareness of global issues and better prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century. This course will still follow the Michigan Merit Curriculum based on the State of MI High School Content Expectations but will be organized into IB units.

1

Develop students who strive to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective.

2

Imbed the traits of IB into every learning opportunity so students will develop their awareness of, and sensitivity to, the experiences of others beyond the local or national community.

3

Create lessons that help students make real world connections to literature, writing assignments, and informational texts.

## Concepts to be Covered

During the year, you can expect to focus on the following **BIG IDEAS**:

- **Novel Choice Unit** - How does reading help us become more understanding of the world around us?
- **Ethics Unit** - How do you decide what is ethical?
- **Justice Unit**—What responsibility do citizens have to help maintain justice?
- **Creative Writing Unit** - How is writing useful in provoking emotion? Why should someone do so?
- **Relationships** - How do relationships affect us as individuals?
- **Overcoming Adversity** - Who is ultimately responsible for your success?
- **Persuasive Writing** - How do you stand for a cause?
- **Current Events** - Why is it important to be aware of what is happening in the world around us?

We will be addressing these concepts as we read literature, write journals/essays, listen to podcasts, learn vocabulary, have discussions, and make connections to current events.

## Projects/Assessments/Writing

- Current Event Presentations
- Reading/Writing Workshop
- Writer's Notebook
- Argumentative Essay
- Creative Writing Piece/Poetry Notebook
- Literature Analysis
- Persuasive Essay
- Mini-Grammar Lessons

## Homework & Other Policies



\***Late Work** IS accepted for a partial grade, but may not be turned in once a unit is complete.

\***Absences** may happen. It is your job to check calendar and folder for missing work. You will have the number of days absent to turn in work.

\***Test/Quiz Retakes** will be available if you schedule for after school or at AST after completing work to prove you are prepared



\***Life Happens!** If you are having issues at school or home that are hindering your best work, please have that conversation with me before a due date. You can contact me through email or speak directly before or after school.

\***Extra Credit** will not be given. Keep up on your work during class time and you shouldn't need it.

\***FINAL EXAMS** will be exempt if you have a B or better for your semester grade and have less than 7 absences.

## Plagiarism

To plagiarize is defined as taking ideas and writings of another and pass them off as one's own. Students caught plagiarizing will be given a ZERO for the assignment.

### Plagiarism includes...

- turning in someone else's paper as **your own**
- **copying a friend's paper**
- failing to **cite** a source
- copying an **author's exact words** and passing them off as your own



This is going to be a fabulous year, and I can't wait to work with you. Make the best of every day, and we will celebrate your successes together!!