*Final Exam Procedures - English 9 - Mikkelsen – January 2022*

**Part one: essay exam**

*Wednesday, January 5 – essay exam – 12:20-1:40 – Room 107*

\*Write one to two paragraphs on the topic you have chosen.

\* Essay topics are attached. Choose one topic. Students are allowed and encouraged to bring an outline, plan, mind map or web to the exam.

\* This part of the exam is written in class during class time. It will be written without the use of a computer.

\* No cell phones or other devices are permitted for use during the exam.

**Part two: Reading Comprehension in Fiction and Non-Fiction – Poetic Devices – Short story terms**

*Wednesday, January 12 – 1:00-3:30 – Room 107*

Prepare for this part of the test test by knowing:

\* poetic devices from the handout in class. These include alliteration, hyperbole, metaphor, cacophony, etc.

\* terms from short story unit on character, plot, conflict and point of view. These include round, flat, stock, dynamic and static characters, internal and external conflict, point of view types and all the steps of the plot.

\* The other part of the exam includes reading a **story**, then responding to questions provided. These questions involve comprehension of what was read, inferencing, identifying devices used in language, identifying character types, point of view and aspects of plot.

The section on reading **non-fiction** includes finding main ideas, understanding vocabulary in context and finding supportive details for provided statements.

The section on **poetry** includes identifying devices used in language and finding meaning.

* Review materials were passed out in class Dec. 13-17.

**Procedures:**

Arrive to school at 12:45.

Go to room 107 for your exam which will start at 1:00.

Students have 2 ½ hours to write exam. Students are required to stay in the exam room for 1 hour, but are free to leave any time after that. Students are encouraged to leave the school property. *School* ***buses run as usual*** *during exam week, though the* **cafeteria is not open.**

Bring your own pen to write.

No notes allowed for reference during the exam.

No cell phones or other devices are permitted for use during the exam.

Please bring some water to drink during the exam as breaks are limited.

***English 9 Essay Topics*** Wednesday, January 5 2022

**Choose one** of the following topics. Create a multi-paragraph response to express your point of view on the topic. Remember to:

* Create a topic sentence that presents your **main idea** (your thesis, your position)
* Determine two or three **points** which support your position
* Create paragraphs around those points, providing specific **examples** and **explanations.**
* Create a **closing statement.**

Choose one of the following:

1. What is your responsibility as a teen in today’s society? Is it all about you? Is it about balancing between your needs with those of society’s? Who gets to decide? Develop two or three points that demonstrate what you see as your social responsibility. Provide specific examples.
2. What are some examples of racism and prejudice today? Where is it rooted? Is a change necessary? If yes, how will the change happen? Think of two or three examples of racism or prejudice and develop your point of view. Provide specific examples.
3. World conflict. What can we do as an individual, as a nation to resolve world conflict? Is it necessary? Is it our place? Think of two or three situations and develop your argument. Provide specific examples.
4. How do life experiences help shape who you are? Think of two or three experiences you have been through that have helped you to become who you are. Provide specific examples.
5. What is the importance of positive role models for teenagers? Think of two or three ways that having/not having a positive role model can impact your life. Provide specific examples