

## English 9 (August 2020 -January 2021). P.C.S.S.

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Welcome to English 9! The goal is to gain knowledge, think critically, express yourself, and develop your communication skills by: **reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing, and visually representing**. Ultimately, you should feel like you are evolving as a thinker and learner.

### Skills to develop:

reading strategies	formal and creative writing
critical and creative thinking	considering various perspectives
researching and citing sources	language conventions and mechanics
writing process and formatting	writing for various purposes and audiences
oral presentations	language conventions and mechanics

### Curricular content:

English 9 offers various texts: stories, plays, poems, articles, visual texts, films, and novels geared to student interest to engage in the following activities:

active listening	responding to literature in writing
class discussion	oral presentations
self assessment	independent reading
personal responses	reflections

### Student Materials: (required for each class)

- \* pen, pencil, eraser, highlighter, crayons
- \* binder with paper and four dividers or 2 duo-tangs
- \* journal (notebook) for responding, planning, drafting
- \* USB (C is recommended) for both backup and for transferring work to and from school)

### Expectations

**Music and cell phones** - are not permitted for use in class. Keep them zipped in your bag/backpack. You may be asked to stow your phone in a bin.

**Food and Drinks** - While there is no food allowed in the classroom, drinks that have lids on them are permitted. Water is encouraged!

**Extra Help** - I will make myself available in person in line with current guidelines, also by email at [sandra.mikkelsen@yesnet.yk.ca](mailto:sandra.mikkelsen@yesnet.yk.ca). I will be available most days after school. My website link can be found on the PCSS website (teacher pages) where you can access assignments, daily work, due dates and course information.

### **Effort and Responsibility**

In order to be successful in English 9, you will:

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| * be punctual | * be productive | * be prepared |
| * participate | * be positive   | * do homework |

Being punctual means being in class with all materials, and ready to work when the bell rings.

**Though I'm here to guide you, it is your responsibility to keep up with classwork.**

## **Evaluation:**

### **1. Calculation**

The majority of your English 9 mark is determined by your course work. There will be a final assessment at the end of the semester in January. Updated interim reports will be available throughout the semester. A final report card will be issued after the semester end in January.

The following evaluations codes appear on the report card at the end of the semester:

EE	Extending	DEV	Developing
PRF	Proficient	EM	Emerging

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### **2. Criteria**

#### **Projects**

Most units will end with a project. The projects will display variety of skills and formats– group/individual, creative/research-based, oral/written – while being a method for students to demonstrate skills and understanding.

#### **Tests and quizzes**

Quizzes will be presented periodically to check for understanding when new information has been presented.

#### **Assignments**

All assignments are to be handed in **on time**, unless some prior arrangement has been made with the teacher. If assignments are not completed during class, you will be required to work outside of class time, until any missing work is completed. You will be given much notice for any significant test or project. It is essential that you **complete** assigned readings to do well in this course. Additionally, keeping an **organized** and complete set of notes will be your passport to **success** on assignments and tests. Of course, regular attendance is required.

#### **Assignment/Test Rewrites**

Students have the opportunity to redo an assignment or test within a reasonable timeline of the original due date to improve their mark and demonstrate improved understanding. Both the original assignment and the rewritten assignment should be submitted for reassessment.

*Have a great semester! S. Mikkelsen    [sandra.mikkelsen@yesnet.yk.ca](mailto:sandra.mikkelsen@yesnet.yk.ca)*

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