

English Language Arts A30

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Course Description:

Canada is a diverse country made up of multiple regions, cultures, histories and identities. In addition to its diverse landscapes, Canada is a nation of many diverse voices and perspectives. Literature gives voice to a country, and its writers help us understand the nature of the people who live here. To examine and analyze each of these themes, a variety of selections will be studied in each of the following genres: group work, panel presentations, inquiry paper, narrative, literary criticism essay, multimedia presentation, short stories, poetry, and a novel study.

Course Themes:

Canadian Perspectives: Distinct and Rich

- Define the individual, negotiate the Community
- celebrate the glorious, acknowledge the scandalous
- shift centres, blur margins
- understand beliefs, initiate action

Canadian Landscapes: Diverse and Dynamic

- natural and constructed
- Psychological and physical
- historical and contemporary
- personal and societal

CLASSROOM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Please Arrive on Time for Class

I prepare for this class, and so should you.

Being consistently late is rude, and distracting.

If you arrive late, please walk in quietly, sit down and learn with us.

If the door is closed and locked, please knock once and wait to be invited in.

Please Arrive Prepared for Class

I prepare for this class, and so should you.

Ensure you have proper writing utensils, binder, and the necessary texts.

Take Responsibility for Your OWN Learning

If you find yourself confused, you miss a day or two, you zone out in class etc. you need to help yourself.

I WILL NOT track you down to catch you up on what you missed, nor will I replace/recopy anything in your binder.

It is your responsibility to do one or more of the following: check handout binder, check the blog, ask a friend, text a friend, Imessage a friend, Facebook a friend, send a tweet to a friend or me, email me, sign up for Remind, look on Teacher Logic or ask me. Please never be afraid to ask me. I am nice.

With so many options, there are NO EXCUSES for not having the assignments done, or done poorly.

BYOD Bring Your Own Device

I love my phone. You probably love your phone. Just do not use it when others are talking or trying to engage in a real life conversation with you. That includes me lecturing, or talking. Also, there will be times I'll ask you to put it away. If I have to ask you a second time to put your phone away, I will take it until class is over.

DON'T talk when others are talking. Respect them and their opinion. If this is a difficult task for you, leave the room and find a new class because I will not tolerate it.

Behaviour (In and Out of Class)

All students are required to display polite, courteous manners towards teachers, office staff, maintenance staff, as well as towards fellow students. All students are entitled to a safe environment within the school, and especially this classroom, that is free from negativity, rudeness, inconsideration, ignorance or negative criticism. If at any time you feel that this is violated, please notify me and we can deal with the situation in a private manner. All students will respect and abide by the behaviours/procedures/policies/expectations within the Miller Code of Honour.

Class Start Up

Every day will begin with ten minutes of silent reading and or bell work. I'll explain bell work at a later time. When you enter the room at the start of class, begin your reading for that day. Please ensure you are reading a book that you enjoy - - if you don't like it then return it to the library and get a new one. We have scheduled library time every two weeks for renewals. All other library requirements will be on your own time.

Handing in Assignments

Assignments are due at the START of class (this is prior to silent reading). Please hand in the assignment and all required elements in the "Hand In" basket. You MUST have your name on the assignment. Assignment due dates are posted in the classroom, on the Blog, teacher logic and reminders sent using Remind. Any assignments being emailed must be in my inbox BEFORE class starts. If you come to class and ask me to print it off, it is already late.

No Food or Drink

Please do not bring food or drinks (water is allowed) into the classroom. Even if unintentional, they can make an unnecessary, sticky mess. Also, due to allergies of fellow students let's just steer clear of these issues and not have food/drinks in class.

No backpacks or bags allowed in the classroom

Please use your locker and leave your backpack or bag in there at all times.

SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

See the other handout

Course Breakdown:

Compose and Create	35%
Comprehend and Respond	30%
Inquiry Paper	10%
Assess and Reflect	5%
CFD – Final Assessment	20%
TOTAL =	100%

Signature of Student

Please see the RCSD Classroom Policies and Procedures