

# Freshmen English 9 Syllabus

Bonita High School 2022-2023

## Instructor Information

| Instructor       | Email                     | Room Location & Hours |
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## General Information

### Description

Students, at the completion of Freshmen English 9 will be able to proficiently read literature and informational texts; write summaries, analysis of themes, research papers, and speeches; develop listening skills to obtain information and take notes efficiently and communicate effectively through discussion and speeches.

### Expectations and Goals

Freshman year is a critical year in your academic career; it is the foundation in which all the information you will encounter for ALL your subjects will be based. You will learn skills that will benefit you in Geography, Biology, History, etc. You start your journey towards college and career readiness now. My goal for each individual student is to achieve academic success in all subjects; this will look different for everyone, **however, my expectations are 100% effort and personal accountability.**

## Course Materials

### Required Materials

- **3 Ring Binder** with loose leaf 8 x11.5 inch, college ruled paper (**no spiral notebook paper will be accepted for turned in work**). This type of binder will assist with organization of handouts.
- **Page Dividers** for Vocabulary, Bell Work, and one for 5 units (7 Total).
- **One Spiral bound notebook** for journaling.
- **Blue or Black ink pen(s)**. All assignments will be turned in digitally, typed, or written in blue or black pen. **NO PENCIL**. However, you may take notes in pencil or color coded pens.
- Correction tape and small sticky tabs or post it notes
- **Red, blue, green, black pens** for writing workshops
- School provided chrome book.
- **Minga-** Pierce Freshmen for updates and reminders.

### Optional Materials

- Daily Planner or separate notebook for assignments and due dates (beneficial for ALL subjects).
- The novels we read this year will be provided by the library. However, it is your option to purchase your own copy. Please see me for the proper edition.

## Required Text

- *The House of the Scorpion* Nancy Farmer
- *Of Mice and Men* John Steinbeck
- *Fahrenheit 451* Ray Bradbury
- *Romeo and Juliet* William Shakespeare

## Course Schedule

### Topics for Semester One

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#### High School Goal Setting

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#### Jane Schaffer Writing Workshops and Literature Terms

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#### *House of the Scorpion*

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#### Personal Narrative

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#### Short Stories

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#### *Of Mice and Men*

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### Topics for Semester Two

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#### Research Paper

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#### *Romeo and Juliet*

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## Grades and Classroom Policy

- **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR FULL CREDIT.** An assignment may be turned in for a ***maximum of 50% UP TO ONE WEEK (5 School Days) AFTER DUE DATE.***
- For all Non-School Business related absences, students are given one additional day for submission of any assignments due on the date of the absence. Students are also given one additional day per day of absence to complete each assignment equaling the total amount of days missed.
- For all School Business related absences, students are required to submit assignments on or before the deadline, even though the student may not be present for the class. If an assignment is given during the class in which the student is absent, regardless for illness, personal day, or school business, the student is given an additional day to submit the assignment.
- **Assignments completed illegibly or in pencil will not be graded and will be counted as missing.**

- Assignments will be given points. Grades are NOT weighted. The categories for each assignment will be listed as either Reading, Writing, Listening/Speaking (combined), or Assessments.

School Policies

- I follow and enforce school policy on phones, dress code, social media/bullying, and academic integrity. Acquaint yourself with those rules so we can get to work 😊



**Please include your Signature and have your Parent/Guardian Sign  
Return this portion tomorrow 8/23/22**

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**Mrs. Jean M. Pierce**

**Print Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_