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ENG 1D1, 1D6 English Grade 9, Academic and Gifted

General Course Information

Department:	English
Extra Help:	Extra help is available before school, at lunch, and after school by appointment
Textbook and Replacement Cost:	Novel \$20 Twelfth Night \$20
Materials Required:	A 3-ring binder, lined paper, pen
Course Fee:	None

Course Description

This course is designed to extend the range of oral communication, reading, writing and media literacy skills that students need for success in secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyze literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret and evaluate informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the selective use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. This course is intended to prepare students for the compulsory Grade 10 academic or gifted course.

A list of the course expectations can be found at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/english.html>

Assessment and Evaluation

To promote student success, ongoing assessment and feedback is given regularly to the students. A variety of assessment and evaluation strategies are used in this course. Expectations are evaluated based on the provincial curriculum expectations and the strands outlined in the ministry document.

The four categories of achievement are: Knowledge and Understanding, Thinking, Communication, Application. These categories help guide the creation of assessment and evaluation tools.

Each student's final mark will be in the form of a percentage grade based on their achievement in the English Strands:

Writing	21%
Reading and Literature Studies	21%
Oral Communication	14%
Media	14%

The breakdown of the final mark is as follows:

Term Evaluation	70%
Final Evaluation	30%

The final Evaluation will be completed during the final 6 weeks of the course and may include a variety of summative activities including an exam, a presentation, a seminar, or an essay or another writing assignment.

In addition to students' performance in the achievement categories, students will also be assessed on their performance in the following learning skills:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent Work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self-Regulation

For specific policies on assessment and evaluation, and academic honesty, please refer to *School Procedures* in the student agenda.

Overall Course Expectations:



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Oral Communication:

By the end of this course, students will:

1. **Listening to Understand:** listen in order to understand and respond appropriately in a variety of situations for a variety of purposes;
2. **Speaking to Communicate:** use speaking skills and strategies appropriately to communicate with different audiences for a variety of purposes;
3. **Reflecting on Skills and Strategies:** reflect on and identify their strengths as listeners and speakers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful in oral communication situations.

Reading and Literature Studies:

By the end of this course, students will:

1. **Reading for Meaning:** read and demonstrate an understanding of a variety of literary, informational, and graphic texts, using a range of strategies to construct meaning;
2. **Understanding Form and Style:** recognize a variety of text forms, text features, and stylistic elements and demonstrate understanding of how they help communicate meaning;
3. **Reading With Fluency:** use knowledge of words and cueing systems to read fluently;
4. **Reflecting on Skills and Strategies:** reflect on and identify their strengths as readers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful before, during, and after reading.

Writing:

By the end of this course, students will:

1. **Developing and Organizing Content:** generate, gather, and organize ideas and information to write for an intended purpose and audience;
2. **Using Knowledge of Form and Style:** draft and revise their writing, using a variety of literary, informational, and graphic forms and stylistic elements appropriate for the purpose and audience;
3. **Applying Knowledge of Conventions:** use editing, proofreading, and publishing skills and strategies, and knowledge of language conventions, to correct errors, refine expression, and present their work effectively;
4. **Reflecting on Skills and Strategies:** reflect on and identify their strengths as writers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful at different stages in the writing process.

Media:

By the end of this course, students will:

1. **Understanding Media Texts:** demonstrate an understanding of a variety of media texts;
2. **Understanding Media Forms, Conventions, and Techniques:** identify some media forms and explain how the conventions and techniques associated with them are used to create meaning;
3. **Creating Media Texts:** create a variety of media texts for different purposes and audiences, using appropriate forms, conventions, and techniques;
4. **Reflecting on Skills and Strategies:** reflect on and identify their strengths as media interpreters and creators, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful in understanding and creating media texts.