English Department

Sir John A. Macdonald Collegiate Institute Course Outline

Course Name	Grade Nine English		Grade	9
Course Code	ENL1W1		Credit Value	1
Pre-Requisite	None	Or Recommended		
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Type of Course	Grade Nine English			

TEXTBOOKS REPLACEMENT COST (if lost or damaged)

Early September and Crossroads \$33.11/\$64.00

Myth and Meaning\$45.00The Hate U Give\$20.00Romeo and Juliet\$20.00

Independent reading (to be selected by students)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/LEARNING MATERIALS

REPLACEMENT COST (if lost or damaged)

Articles, media texts, videos, CDs, DVDs, Resource Centre,

Internet sources (Ted Talks, podcasts, blogs, etc.)

Course Description

This course enables students to continue to develop and consolidate the foundational knowledge and skills that they need for reading, writing, and oral and visual communication. Throughout the course, students will continue to enhance their media literacy and critical literacy skills, and to develop and apply transferable skills, including digital literacy. Students will also make connections to their lived experiences and to society and increase their understanding of the importance of language and literacy across the curriculum.

Curriculum Strands/Categories (this may differ depending on discipline and level)

Knowledge and Understanding: Subject-specific content acquired in each grade/course (knowledge), and the

comprehension of its meaning and significance (understanding)

Thinking: The use of critical and creative thinking skills and/or processes **Communication:** The conveying of meaning through various forms

Application: The use of knowledge and skills to make connections within and between various contexts

Assessment and Evaluation of Student Achievement

Unit	Unit Title/Description	Evaluation Task	Achievement Chart Focus
Unit 1	Short Stories	Literary paragraph	Comprehension: Understanding and Responding to Texts; Composition: Expressing Ideas and
		Sight short story quiz and	Creating Texts; Foundations of Language; Literacy
		test	Connections and Applications
		Media response	
Unit 2	Creation Stories	Creative writing	Comprehension: Understanding and Responding
	Mythology		to Texts; Composition: Expressing Ideas and
		Media product	Creating Texts; Foundations of Language; Literacy
		Presentation	Connections and Applications
Unit 3	Shakespeare: Romeo and	News Story	Comprehension: Understanding and Responding
	Juliet		to Texts; Composition: Expressing Ideas and
			Creating Texts; Literacy Connections and
			Applications
Unit 4	Independent reading	Reading Charts	Comprehension: Understanding and Responding
	(throughout the course) -		to Texts; Composition: Expressing Ideas and
	Part of culminating activity	Presentation - focus on the	Creating Texts; Foundations of Language
		entire year - elements of	
		narrative writing	
Unit 5	Culminating Activity: The	Media Response/Paragraph	Comprehension: Understanding and Responding
	Hate U Give		to Texts; Composition: Expressing Ideas and

		Reading Responses (Journals - not part of culminating)	Creating Texts; Literacy Connections and Applications
Unit 6	Exam	Sight Short Story exam	Comprehension: Understanding and Responding to Texts; Composition: Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts

Levels of Achievement

For Grades 9 to 12, a student's achievement of the overall curriculum expectations will be evaluated in accordance with the achievement charts in the provincial curriculum and will be reported using percentage marks.

Achievement Level	Percentage Mark	Achievement Description
	Range	
HL4/L4+	95 – 100	Level 4 identifies achievement that surpasses the provincial standard. The
L4	87 – 94	student demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with a high degree of
LL4/L4-	80 – 86	effectiveness.
HL3/L3+	77 – 79	Level 3 represents the provincial standard for achievement. The student
L3	73 – 76	demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with considerable
LL3/L3-	70 – 72	effectiveness. Parents of students achieving at level 3 can be confident that their
		children will be prepared for work in subsequent grades/courses
HL2/L2+	67 – 69	Level 2 represents achievement that approaches the provincial standard. The
L2	63 – 66	student demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with some
LL2/L2-	60 – 62	effectiveness. Students performing at this level need to work on identified
		learning gaps to ensure future success.
HL1/L1+	57 – 59	Level 1 represents achievement that falls much below the provincial standard.
L1	53 – 56	The student demonstrates the specified knowledge and skills with limited
LL1/L1-	50 – 52	effectiveness. Students must work at significantly improving learning in specific
		areas, as necessary, if they are to be successful in the next grade/course

Students who achieve below 50% have not met curriculum expectations; a credit will not be granted.

Learning Skills	Assessment of Learning Skills	
Responsibility; Organization; Independent Work	Excellent (E)	Good (G)
Collaboration; Initiative; Self-Regulation	Satisfactory (S)	Needs Improvement (N)

Weighting by Strands/Categories			
Comprehension: Understanding and	20%	Foundations of Language	15%
Responding to Texts			
Composition: Expressing Ideas and	20%	Literacy Connections and	15%
Creating Texts		Applications	
Culminating Activities	30%		

Assessment and Evaluation Strategies: the following is a list of potential A/E strategies used within the course; the list may not be exhaustive and is subject to change

\rightarrow discussions	\rightarrow	audio presentations	\rightarrow media texts
\rightarrow reflections	\rightarrow	quizzes	\rightarrow surveys
\rightarrow oral responses	\rightarrow	media products	\rightarrow questionnaires
→ written responses	\rightarrow	metacognitive reflections	ightarrow oral reading
→ video presentations	\rightarrow	creative writing	→ classroom observation

CALCULATION OF FINAL MARK

- \rightarrow 70% for evaluations conducted throughout the course
- ightarrow 30% for a Culminating Activity the C/A will occur in the final 6 weeks of the course TBD

^{***}This course brief is subject to change at the teacher's discretion.