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| **Language Arts 9**  **Course Outline**  **September 2013-January 2014**  **Ms. Kelly**  **http://mvhs.nbed.nb.ca/teacher/ms-kelly**  **elizabeth.kellly@nbed.nb.ca** |

Language Arts I is structured as a reading and writing workshop with an emphasis on not only preparing students for the English Language Proficiency Assessment, but also developing life-long literacy skills.

**Writing and Reading Skills Covered in LA 9**

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|  | **Writing** | **Reading** |
| **Narrative** | -snapshot moment  -extended narrative | -short stories  -memoirs |
| **Argument** | -persuasive writing  -commentary | -non-fiction essays and editorials |
| **ELPA Preparation** | -demand writing | -reading strategies  -reading a variety of genres |
| **Informational Writing** | -making and supporting claims based on data from graphs/charts. | -reading strategies for informational writing. |
| **Poetry** | -“playing” with poetry in Writers Notebooks | -poetic devices  -poetry analysis |
| **Weekly** | -daily quick writes  -writing craft mini-lessons  -editing mini-lessons | -daily SSR (sustained silent reading)  -book talks |

Speaking skills will be incorporated into each unit of study, and students are expected to be active participants in class, partner and group discussions.

**Class Expectations:**

* Students are expected to be prepared each day for class with:
* an independent novel
* Writers Notebook
* Pens and pencils
* Students are expected to be on time for class and treat others with respect.
* Attendance is very important. Students are responsible for catching up on missed class work and assignments, and must present a written excuse upon return to class.

**Materials Needed:**

* 1 hard cover journal for Writer’s Notebook (150-200 pages)
* Post-it notes or tabs
* 1 binder
* Writing portfolio (2 pocket folder)
* Pens and pencils
* Highlighters
* Looseleaf

**10% will be deducted for each day an assignment is late. All assignments are due by 3:20 pm on the due date and must be handed in on paper (no emails or flash drives accepted). Students are responsible for printing assignments and class time will not be provided for this.**

**Evaluation:**

* Class work/ Speaking (participation, book talks, homework checks, etc.): 15%
* Assignments/Tests (Writer’s Notebook, projects, tests, quizzes,

writing tasks): 65%

* Practice Literacy Assessment: 20%
* N.B. English Language Proficiency Assessment: Graduation requirement

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*I look forward to working with all of you this semester. Good luck!*

*-Ms. Kelly*