**English 9 – Semester Two**

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| Unit One | Novel Study: *The Outsiders* | Students will engage in a class novel study. Focus skills include making text-to-self and text-to-world connections, analyzing quotations, using quotations from the text in written responses, knowledge of symbolism, motif, theme and conflict. |
| Unit Two | Media Literacy | Students will explore the methods of persuasion in advertising and media. Students will learn to critically study multimedia in their world. |
| Unit Three | Introduction to Elizabethan England and Shakespeare | After gaining some historical context of Shakespeare’s time, students will read “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Speaking skills and thematic understanding will be enhanced. |
| Unit Five | Multi-Genre Writing Unit | Students will choose one topic area to focus on, and will write about that topic in at least three different genres (narrative, poetry, persuasive, etc.) |

**Throughout the semester:**

* Independent novels and assignments, including a book talk
* Grammar and punctuation mini-lessons and quizzes
* Creative writing
* Articles of the month
* Poetry
* Quick Writes

**Materials Needed:**

* Binder with looseleaf
* Independent novel
* Hard cover writers notebook (students may continue to use their notebooks from last semester)
* Pens (blue and black ink) and pencils; highlighters

**Evaluation:**

* Class work/ Speaking (participation, book talks, homework checks, etc.): 10%
* Assignments/Tests (Writer’s Notebook, projects, tests, quizzes,

 writing tasks): 60%

* Final Exam: 30%

**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.**

**I look forward to a fun and engaging semester! Good luck!**

**Mrs. Mac**