

Welcome to English Literature 30S

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“There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed.”
Ernest Hemingway

Words are powerful. They evoke emotion and explain complex concepts. Words illuminate ideas and present possibilities. They unify countries and destroy them. Words are memories and dreams. They can inspire us, shape us, motivate us and leave us speechless. Words are powerful elements. **The book of Proverbs reminds us that, “Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”(12:18)** Or as **Mark Twain once wrote, “The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug.”(The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain: A Book of Quotations, 1998)**

This year in English Literature you will stretch as writers as you produce essays, reflective writing, creative writing and oral presentations. It is a year of developing a strong academic, creative and personal voice. You will become (hopefully) well acquainted with a thesaurus, dictionary and the MLA format. These are invaluable tools for a writer as they formulate a beautiful prose.

Furthermore, you will become analysts and critics of the written word. Searching for meaning, symbolism, foreshadowing, and a plethora of other literary skills necessary for becoming wise consumers of the word.

“Any fool can know. The point is to understand.” Albert Einstein

STUDY TOPICS

(Not necessarily studied in this order)

1. *Novel Study*
2. *Memoirs*
3. *Poetry & Poetry Slams*
4. *Macbeth*
5. *Essay Writing*
6. *Romeo & Juliet (TBD)*

ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR INCLUDE:

1. Campaign for Novel Change Presentation (Term 1)
2. 6-Word Memoir (T2)
3. Disease Project Digital Memoir (T2)
4. FNRS Memoir (T2)
5. Poetry Slam (T3)
6. WWSD (T3)
7. Essay (T3)

GRADING

Term 1

- ❖ Workshops **15%**
- ❖ Campaign for Novel Change **55%**
- ❖ Reflections **10%**
- ❖ ISN **20%**
- 100 %**

Term 1

- ❖ Seminars **10%**
- ❖ Assignments **60%**
- ❖ Reflections **10%**
- ❖ ISN **20%**
- 100 %**

Term 3

- ❖ Seminars **10%**
- ❖ Assignments **60%**
- ❖ Reflection **10%**
- ❖ ISN **20%**
- 100%**

****The above Grading is subject to change****

MY TEACHER WEBSITE



My teacher website on the school website will be the place to find the assignments, due dates and any exciting news you may need to know. Additionally, I will post these important dates on the class whiteboard.

My Email: If you are unable to connect with me at school, please email me if you have any questions about the unit/assignments/ projects.

kreimer@mcbi.mb.ca

My Work Schedule

See Schedule on Class Door (Rm 5107 & Drama Room)



WORKSHOP/SEMINAR CRITERIA

Learners grading will be based on the following skills:

1. Preparation for Discussion/Workshop
2. Expression of thoughtful questions and/or responses
3. Reflective dialogue
4. Analytical discussion
5. Inclusion & consideration of others & their views/opinions
6. Textual support/Evidence to validate views/opinions



Submit all work in a **plastic folder** into the appropriate box in the classroom. Marks will be deducted if you do not.

ALL ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE IN MLA format using Times/Times Romans 12-point font. Always, always have your Class ID (A, B, C OR D) on your paper. No Exceptions. Marks will be deducted if you do not!

Late assignments/work will be **deducted 5% per day** to a maximum of 50% after 2 weeks. Weekends count as one day

REFLECTIONS

On the whiteboard you will find listed the dates for assignments PLUS, the due date for your REFLECTIONS. I will provide you with a handout outlining what I expect you to include in your reflection. Submit your reflection on the day and Time the Reflection is due. Reflections are NOT privy to Grace Cards.



GRACE CARDS



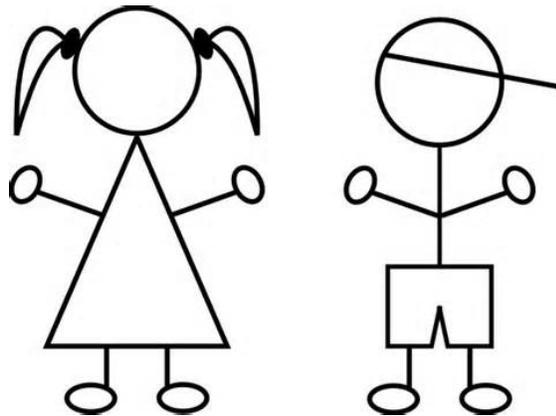
Should you absolutely, positively have no alternative but to seek, on your knees, an extension for a major assignment/project in my class you must present your plea to me no later than **ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE**. Asking me the week of or, dare I say, the day before it is due will result in a "No" response. Exceptions to Late Penalties include: Sickness or unforeseeable crisis. Please have a parent email me to confirm said exception. **Poor planning and mismanagement of class time or scheduling do not warrant a Grace card.**

I will provide you with a grace card that must be attached to your assignment. Failure to do so will result in late marks being applied. You are **ONLY** allowed **3 GRACE CARDS** in the whole school year. Use them wisely!

Classroom Etiquette

Expectations

- Be Prepared
- Be Prompt
- Be Positive
- Be Kind in Deed & Word
- Be Your Best Self
- Be Honest
- Be Helpful



Using the Loo

Should you need to “go” please take Shelly (the Duck) and place her on your desk? This will let me know who is gone and when you return, return Shelly back to the front. Only one student may leave at a time. Please do NOT use this as an opportunity to go to your locker or, heaven forbid, to the cafeteria.

Beverages & Snacks



You may eat and drink in my class provided that:

- a) You come to class, **on time**, with the food/beverages.
- b) You are to put all your wrappings and items in the garbage
- c) I, or your classmates, do not have to hear you eating/drinking.
- d) Failure to comply will result in the **whole** class loosing the privilege.



Phones

Phones are **not** permitted in class. There is a basket I will use to collect and redistribute your phones in class. At no time are you allowed to photograph, video the class/classmates or test/quizzes.

Laptop/iPods are permitted in the classroom provided:

- a) You may use them for taking notes, recording due dates for tests/assignments.
- b) Any other leisurely activity is not permitted, unless permission is granted from the teacher



Text Sign Out & Return

Please use the Sign Out/Return sheet and indicate:



1. The correct text number
2. Write your name on the inside front cover of the book.
This saves lots of problems at the end of the year
3. Returning, please verify you have the correct text to return. If it is not the correct text number I CANNOT check your name off.

Well, here we go! I hope and pray this year is a wonderful, fun and great time of learning.

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