

English Language Arts – 30E

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## **Welcome to English 30E!**

In this course you will improve your reading, writing, and speaking skills.

The course will focus on literacy, including vocabulary, grammar, and more detailed paragraphs. It will also include group discussions and computer usage. Units and topics that will be covered in this course are:

- Grammar / Vocabulary      - Biographies      - Memoirs
- Environmentalism      - Critical Thinking      - Reading Comprehension
- Articles on Current Topics      - Independent Reading/Book Report

Expectations: For this class, as with all other classes, your attendance and participation is important. Please come to class on time and prepared with all required items (pencil, pen, paper, binder, etc.). Always contribute to a positive and respectful classroom environment for all students and teachers.

Attendance: If you cannot come to class, or you know ahead of time that you will be absent, please email me or contact the school. When you have missed a class, do your best to stay informed on class assignments and information by speaking with classmates and myself.

Due Dates: Most assignments will not have specific due dates, but should be completed within the time provided by the teacher. If an assignment has a due date, it must be handed in on or before that day.

Independent Reading and Book Report: The first 10 minutes of every class will be used for independent reading. You are expected to have the book that you are reading for your book report with you at each class. In addition to in-class reading, you should also read as much as possible outside of school.

Cell Phones: All cell phones should be put on “**silent.**” Do not use your cell phone while the teacher is talking. Cell phones should only be used for educational purposes. If you need to make or receive a phone call, please exit the classroom and only if it is important.

Plagiarism: There are many resources for you to learn from and improve your writing, but you may **never** copy someone else’s writing for your assignments. If you copy off of a classmate, or take sentences and ideas from the internet, this is cheating and is against the rules. We will discuss the proper way to use outside resources in this course.

Grading Distribution: For this course, there will be a final exam which will be worth 25% of your final grade. The rest of your mark will be determined by all other course assignments.

Exit Assessment: In addition to the final exam, you will also complete an Exit Assessment. This is not an assignment, and it does not affect your final mark. The Exit Assessment is a standardized task from the Canadian Language Benchmarks, and it will determine if your English has improved enough to move on to the next level of EAL Courses in our school.

Remember, everyone here is learning English together. We all come from different places and different levels of schooling. Never feel worried or shy to ask questions. All the teachers, including myself, are here to help you become a stronger student and improve your English!