

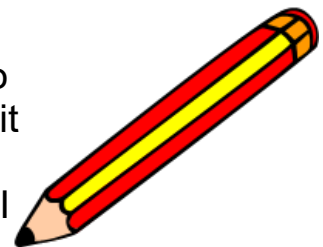
Mr Wakefield's Classroom Routines,  
Procedures and Expectations  
OR...  
your guide to a very successful  
year in English 9 :)



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## Class Materials

- Be prepared every single day with anything you may need for class- you will always know exactly what that is.
- After this week, you will not be allowed to leave to get materials if you come to class unprepared as it is too much of a distraction/interruption.
- Unless in the case of unforeseen circumstances, I will not lend you materials (I have done so before and I always end up spending inordinate amounts of money on lost school supplies). Therefore, you will need to problem solve on your own (and I know you can).



***"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." ~Benjamin Franklin***

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# Punctuality

- Be on time for class- which means, in your seat when the bell rings.
- I am very serious about punctuality! Students who arrive late, push back the start time of class and/or disrupt class.
- After a short while, I will not allow you into class if you are late. You won't like it and neither will I, but it is necessary expectation and consequence.



***"Arriving late is way of saying that your own time is more valuable than the time of the person who waited for you." ~Karen Joy Fowler***

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# Respect

- Respect is KEY to a positive learning environment where all students can grow.
- Respect will be required at all times in this class. I will respect you- you will respect me - you will respect each other and PLEASE respect yourself.
- It is unacceptable to talk while anyone else is.
- Attitude is everything when it comes to enjoying learning. If you choose to have a positive outlook on school, you will meet with success.



***"You can't force someone to respect you, but you can refuse to be disrespected."***

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# Attendance

- It is beyond important for you to be at school every day possible. You will fall behind quickly and begin to feel very frustrated and as though things are impossible early on- this is not what I want for you or what you should want for yourself.
- If absent, you will be responsible to find out what you missed and to get caught up ASAP. Ask your classmates and go to the 'While You Were Out' board; only come to me if absolutely necessary for an extra explanation.
- Any tests missed while absent will be written on the day you return to class. Provided that you have a valid written excuse, no marks will be deducted.

***"80% percent of success is showing up." ~Woody Allen***

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# Class Involvement

- Participation is a must in English class. We learn the most through conversation and collaboration; your formative mark will also be impacted by your level of participation
- It is unacceptable to do work for another class in this class.



***"Don't let your fear of failing win over the joy of participating. Participation is most important than failure." ~Dr. Anil Kr Sinha***

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# Late Assignments

- Late assignments make it very difficult for me to do my job efficiently and effectively- which is also true for you.
- Late assignments will result in a 10% reduction each day, up until the forth day. After the forth day and until the tenth day following the due date, you can still pass your assignment in, but for a maximum grade of 60% IF the work is passable. After that, the assignment will receive a grade of 0.
- Extensions will be granted by me if requested long before the due date and for just cause.



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# Leaving Class

- Leaving class is reserved for emergencies only. Time is allocated between classes and at lunch for washroom breaks, fountain breaks, and trips to lockers. You will need to practice time management.
- Of course, I understand that there are times when all people need to use the washroom immediately.
- If you know you get thirsty a lot, feel free to bring a water bottle with you to class each day.



***"Time is really the only captial that any human being has, and the only thing he can't afford to lose." ~Thomas Edison***

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# School Rules

- I teach here as part of a team and, as such, will enforce school rules as determined.
- No Cell Phone Rule: If your phone is out at any time in class, I am required to take it from you and to the office. Phones are not only a distraction from learning, but have become a major privacy breach in recent years. My biggest responsibility is to protect the safety and integrity of all students!
- No Hats Rule: This is a safety precaution!
- Minimal Movement in Halls Rule: This is intended to reduce disruption to the learning environment.



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## PLEASE NO...

**...Whining- just say what you need to say.**

**...Negativity- it gets us no where and stops the conversation.**



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## **PLEASE DO...**

- ...take risks.**
- ...prioritize.**
- ...show tolerance.**
- ...smile.**
- ...laugh.**



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## **AND I WILL...**

- ...listen.**
- ...be patient.**
- ...helpful.**
- ...respect your individuality.**
- ...continue learning.**
- ...CHALLENGE you!**

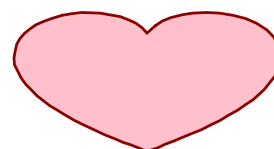


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**Dear Students,**

**I look so forward to working with each and every one of you over the course of this year! Teaching is my passion and there is no place I would rather be and no people I would rather teach!**

**I truly believe that you are all capable of meeting YOUR PERSONAL BEST and FULL ACADEMIC POTENTIAL with hard work, commitment and a positive outlook!**



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**Grade 9 English Language Arts**  
**Course Outline and Evaluation – Fall/Winter 2018/19**

**Teacher:** Mr. Wakefield  
**Location:** Room 218

**Course Content:** Grade 9 English is a full-year course divided into two semesters/4 terms. The focus of this course is on improving reading, writing, grammar, comprehension, speaking and listening skills. Independence and growth mindset will be fostered throughout the year as students accept increased responsibility for their learning.

**Syllabus:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

- **Unit 1**
  - > Developing Reading Skills using Literary Fiction, Literary Non-Fiction and Information Texts.
    - Article of the week
    - Elements of a Short Story
  - > Developing Writing Skills focusing on form across a variety of genres.
    - Writers notebook

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

- **Unit 2** – Novel Study- The Outsiders
- **Unit 3** – Shakespeare- A Mid-Summer Nights Dream

\*Embedded within units 2 and 3 will be regular response to reading, both in writing and through discussion.

**Material Required:** Pen/Pencil  
Binder  
Scribbler/Notebook  
Duo-tang (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)  
Loose-leaf  
USB

**Semester 1 and 2 Assessment:**  
Formative Assessment:  
Formative assessments measure **student progress during the learning process**. This data is collected through conversations, both informal and formal, teacher and student observations and the collection of student products.

Summative Evaluation:  
Summative evaluations measure what students **have learned and are able to do at the end of a unit of study**. This data is collected through formal conversations, teacher observations and/or the collection of student products.

Final Evaluation:  
*The final evaluation will take place during the last week of classes in June, in the form of a teacher/student conference.*

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**English Language Proficiency Assessment:** Grade 9 students across the province of New Brunswick are required to write the ELPA. This assessment focuses on reading comprehension and will be written in January. The province has stipulated that students must pass the ELPA prior to graduation.

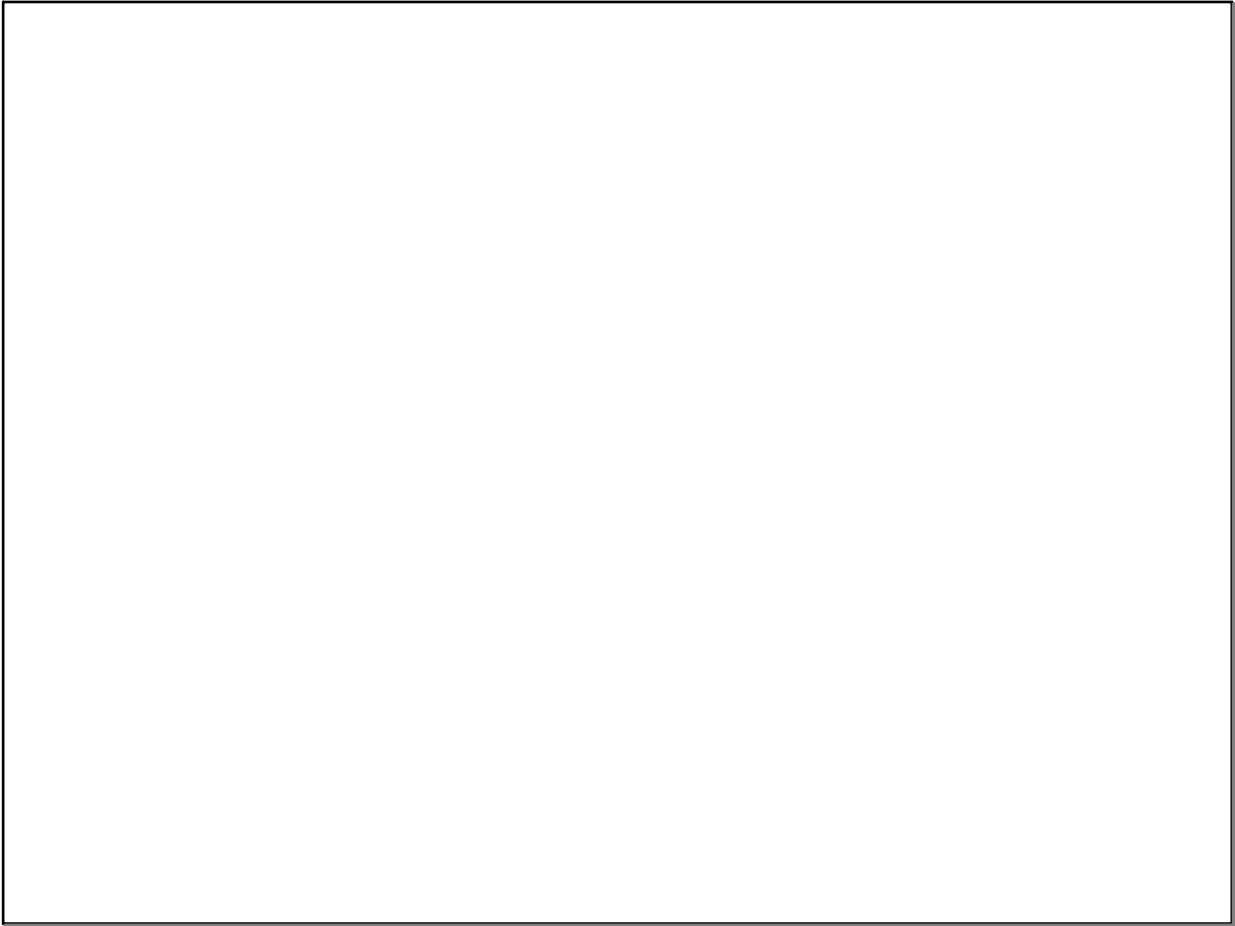
**Extra Help:** If at any time a student is having difficulty in the course, extra help is available upon a student's request.

**Absenteeism:** Any student who misses a class is responsible for the material he/she misses. If a student misses a test, it is his/her responsibility to make arrangements to write the test. Tests missed will not be written during classes.

**Note:** This course is an academic course and, as such, will require that students do some work outside of class time. If students do not complete required homework, their lack of participation will be addressed according to school policy. Please find homework and assignments on my Teacher Page at <http://bonarlaw.nbed.nb.ca/> Click on: Teacher Pages and then: Mr. Wakefield

**Throughout the year, students are expected to read a minimum of 4 independent novels. As such, you should see your child reading most week nights for, at least, 20-30 minutes.**

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