**Bonar Law Memorial School**

English 11-3 syllabus

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**Course Description\***

English 11-3 is a full year course for students whose focus post-graduation is community college or the world of work. The course is based on further development of reading/viewing, writing/representing and speaking/listening skills. In this semester, students will learn strategies to read a variety of genres. Students will practice their literacy skills in responding to “Articles of the Week” and vocabulary building exercises. Using the Write Traits to express their ideas in writing a variety of forms, students will also focus on a multi-genre study at the end of the semester. A variety of resources and materials will be used in this student-centered course. **Independent reading is an important part of this course—it is essential that students bring their independent novels to class every day!**

**Key Themes of Study**

* **Novel Study: *The Glass Castle***
* **Genre Exploration I: Murderer or Hero?**
* **Genre Exploration II: Understanding Differences**
* **Full Length Play—TBA**
* **Multi-Genre Study**

**Term Weighting**

* **30% Speaking and listening (Conversations)—**group discussions, presentations, exit slips
* **30% Writing and representing**—writing assignments, quizzes, spelling
* **40% Reading and viewing**—article of the week, independent novel study, comprehension activities and tests

Course Evaluation

Terms 1-4: 70%

Mid-term & Independent Multi-Genre Project: 30%

**\***Outline subject to change