**Grade 9A English Language Arts**

**Course Outline 2021-2022**

**Teacher:** Mr. Wakefield

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**Location:** Room 218

**Extra Help:** Extra help will be offered during lunch period in my classroom. Please see Mr. Wakefield to see the times to get help or catch up on missed work.

**Rationale**: This course is designed to expose students to a wide variety of language and media texts so that you will be able to reflect on your own learning styles and move towards becoming an independent learner and a critical thinker.

**Units of Study (subject to change):** To help explore multiple thematic focuses, we will be focusing on the following:

* Improving writing and reading skills
* Novel theory and study (model text; book clubs)
* Oral presentations/small group and class discussion
* Poetry
* Short story theory and short stories
* Multi-media (video, film segments, music, blogs, documentary, etc.)
* Drama
* Multi-genre (poetry, articles, fiction, non-fiction, etc.)
* Summative assignments
* Socratic Circles
* Required independent reading (daily and ongoing, in class and at home)

**Assessment (Regular attendance is a must in order to effectively assess conversations and observations.)**

Will include rich performance tasks (observations, conferences, products) and an Evidence of Learning Portfolio that will be presented in a final interview

**Evaluation tools may include the following:**

Conversations, Observations, Presentations, In Class Activities, Journal Entries, Writing Assignments, Projects, Speaking and Listening Checklist, Conferences

**Breakdown of Strands**

Reading and Viewing; Writing and Representing; Speaking and Listening

**Evaluation Categories**

Reading – 40%

Speaking -30%

Writing – 30%

**-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------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. (We are yet to hear from the province on whether the ELPA for the 2020-2021 school year is still going to happen. We will be getting the students ready for the likely hood of one occurring)

**At home learning:** When you are not at home you will still be required to work. We will be using Microsoft Teams to do that work. You will have received an invite in your student email already. **While the learning at home can change depending on what we are doing in class there will be two constants,**

* **Reading log- You will be required to read for 15-20 minutes a day and answer any questions that I give you.**
* **Writers Notebook- You will be writing based on a prompt from me.**

**I hope you have a great year and I am excited to get to know you as readers and writers!**

**-Sam Wakefield**