

ENGLISH 10

COURSE OUTLINE

THE COURSE

This is divided into two trimesters. Students in all sections of English 10, regardless of instructor, will complete the same assignments during each of the two trimesters.

TRIMESTER 1

- Vocab 1-5
- Grammar: Clauses—Chapter 15, Agreement—Chapter 18, Commas—Chapter 22, Chapters 23-25—semi-colons, colons, hyphens, and dashes
- Read *Things Fall Apart*
- Write Argumentative Research Paper
- Final Exam—Mechanics, vocab, reading passages, language skills

TRIMESTER 2

- Vocab 6-10
- Read *Nectar in a Sieve*
- Grammar: Chapters 16—Using Verbs Chapter 17—Correct Pronoun Usage, Correctly, Chapter 19—Modifiers
- Write *Nectar in a Sieve* analysis
- Final Exam—Mechanics, vocab, reading passages, language skills

BRING TO CLASS EVERYDAY

- ✓ Ringbinder
- ✓ Two pens (not pencils) everyday
- ✓ iPad—It must be charged.

“Education is a great free gift, and to smirk and say it’s uncool to be smart is a stupidity. Don’t buy that. That’s the dumb kids trying to influence you.”

--Johnny Rotten, 2007

CONDUCT

Each class period begins with your orderly entrance. Please take your seat immediately, and be silent and attentive.

- **Ear Buds**—You may only use ear buds after you ask me if you may listen to music while you work silently. You may not listen to anything on your iPad while I or anyone else is instructing you.
- **Cell Phones**—You may not bring your cell phone to class, per the student handbook.
- **Games**—You may not play games on your iPad in class...Ever!
- **iPad**—You must have your iPad with you every day for class and it **MUST BE CHARGED!**
- **Violations**—of the above will result in a technology violation referral, failure to comply, or failure to participate.

- **Food**—You may not bring food to class.
- **Bathroom Passes**— You will be allowed 3 passes per trimester. You must use the bathroom between classes. The best strategy is to use the restroom on the way to class. If you come to class and then ask me to use the bathroom two minutes before the bell rings, you will have to use one of your passes.

THE WORK

- Every other Friday, you will take a 10-word vocabulary quiz.
- You will gain a thorough understanding of the English language and its grammar. You will gain this understanding through textbook activities, discussion, presentations, and multiple-choice tests.
- You will write one paper each trimester.
- Your Essay will be written and revised in Google Docs.

TESTS

- Vocabulary Quizzes
- Grammar tests
- Final Exam—This exam will cover Grammar, Vocab, Reading, Language skills, and Writing.

DUE DATES

All papers are due on their due dates regardless of whether you are here or not. Late essays lose 10% per day late.

EMAIL—**clackenbucher@casdk12.net**

Class Website—**www.lackdown.weebly.com**—Here you can find ALL MATERIALS FOR CLASS.

PARTICIPATION

Participation, according to the Handbook, requires that you **do not exceed twelve (12) countable absences**. **Upon a student's ninth (9th) absence during a trimester, the student will have to earn a C- on the final exam** to have his or her grade calculated for that trimester.

GRADES

- 30% of grade—Papers will receive a score out of 500 points.
- 20% of grade—Writing Process
- 25% of grade—Tests will receive a score out of 100 points
- 15% of grade—Quizzes,
- 10% each for class work and homework

As per school policy, the **final** will consist of **20% of your overall grade**.

GRADING SCALE

A	93-100	B-	80-82.9	D+	67-69.9
A-	90-92.9	C+	77-79.9	D	63-66.9
B+	87-89.9	C	73-76.9	D-	60-62.9
B	83-86.9	C-	70-72.9	E	0-59.9

Your grade will only be elevated if the total grade average is within less than half of one percent of the next grade. In other words, if your average is an 89.51% B+ I may choose to elevate your grade to a 90.00% A-. If your grade is an 89.49, you will collect the grade you earned. Simply put, the cut-off must appear somewhere to ensure fair and equitable treatment.

Your Signature _____

Your Parents' Signature _____
