

10<sup>th</sup> GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS SYLLABUS  
Winter/Spring 2009

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The purpose of this course is to improve and add to your reading, speaking, listening, writing, reflective, discussion, and thinking skills in Language Arts.

**GRADE CRITERIA:** Students will be graded on the following:

- Participation: Students are expected to respect the teacher, their peers, and the classroom property. They are to be active and thoughtful participants in discussions and debates. Additionally, students will be expected to have read the assigned stories and novels and be able to discuss them.
- Essays, in-class journals, daily assignments, quizzes/ tests, and other work, as assigned

**GRADE SCALE:**

A+	97-100%	C	73-76%
A	93-97%	C-	70-72%
A-	90-92%	D+	67-69%
B+	87-89%	D	63-66%
B	83-86%	D-	60-62%
B-	80-82%	E	0-59%
C+	77-79%		

Note: An "A" is the highest grade that can be earned on report cards. "A+"s will show up as "A"s.

**SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED BY THE COURSE:** During the semester, the course will cover five areas of Language Arts: Reading, Writing, Grammar, Speech, and Spelling and Vocabulary. The theme of the tenth grade year is "The World Around Us— Cultural Literacy". Throughout the semester, much of our reading and writing will help you explore this theme.

**CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:** Students will be expected to follow the school rules as well as my classroom rules which I will hand out and review the first week. Your behavior in class will affect your grade through participation points. Disruptive behavior will cause you to lose points. Frequent absences may also cause you to lose points.

**LEAVING THE ROOM/HALL PASSES:** If you need to leave the room during class for any reason (to use the bathroom, get something from your locker, fill your water bottle, etc.), bring me one of your three allotted hall passes, place it in the box on the front table, and leave as quietly as possible (taking the school hall pass with you). If you lose your hall passes, you do not get more. You may not leave while the teacher is talking to the class unless it is an absolute emergency. Use the bathroom during work time instead. Students are expected not to abuse these privileges. If the teacher notices a student frequently stays out of the room for a lengthy period of time, the student will be warned and subsequently disciplined.