**LANGUAGE ARTS 9**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION—**

In this course, students will continue to improve their writing through the use of spelling & writing assignments. William Shakespeare and his play Romeo & Juliet will be read aloud and discussed. Persuasive techniques will be studied and identified through advertisements. Mythology and its impact on literature today will be identified through close reading and studying the 12 key gods/goddesses of mythology. Additional reading comprehension will be gained through assigned Read Theories, the novel Of Mice and Men, and Lord of the Flies. Public Speaking skills will be utilized through a demonstration speech.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES**—

* To become more proficient readers, writers, and speakers.
* To familiarize ourselves with well-known writers and their works.
* To improve our reading comprehension.
* To continue to improve grammar proficiency to become more skillful writers and speakers.
* To engage in active communication, both written and spoken.

# **MAJOR UNITS—**

Vocabulary/Spelling

Reading

* Read Theory
* Independent reading book
* Romeo and Juliet
* Mythology

Of Mice and Men

Lord of the Flies

Grammar

Persuasive Techniques

* Advertising

Speech Communication

* Demonstration Speeches
* You are expected to bring your class materials and independent reading book with you to class each day. When you have an assignment, I expect you to be working and not visiting or wasting time.
* We will have vocabulary/spelling assignments and tests weekly. Assignments using the spelling words will be completed on Quizlet and must be completed prior to Friday’s test. The year’s list is available on Google Classroom.
* Assignments must be turned in on time if you want full credit for your work; this includes any assignment that was due the day/days you were gone if it had been previously assigned. For credit, all assignments must be completed prior to taking the test on that material. Late work will receive one grade lower for each day that it has not been turned in. **Five** class days is the maximum for any credit, after which the MI cannot be changed. Any assignment, in which the answers are discussed in class, will not be accepted late. No late work will be accepted after mid-quarter or at the end of the quarter. It is your responsibility to see that missing assignments are completed. An MI will be entered in the grade book, for any missing work.

**CHROMEBOOKS—**

All information regarding Chromebook usage, care, and expectations will be followed according to the handbook. You will need to supply your own earbuds. Please be sure to bring your Chromebook home each night and return it charged each morning.

**CLASSROOM PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY—**

Your cell phones and other personal devices should be kept in your locker. They will not be allowed in the classroom. If I see them out in the classroom (being used or not), they will be taken until the end of the day. Continued occurrences may result in it being brought to the office. Further consequences are in the student handbook.

**EXTRA CREDIT—**

Extra credit is very limited. However, your extra credit will only count if every assignment has been turned in. You may use enough extra credit to raise your grade one increment (i.e. B+ to A-). Any unused points may be carried over to the next qtr. but they may not be used in place of assignment points, they are only extra credit!

# **BRING TO CLASS—**

* Notebook
* Chromebook
* Earbuds/headphones
* A folder in which to keep class handouts and worksheets
* Pencil and pen, blue or black.
* A novel for independent reading-You are encouraged to keep a book in the book bin so that you have it each day.

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##  **GRADING SCALE**

 99-100 A+ 77 – 79 C+

 93 – 98 A 73 – 76 C

 90 – 92 A- 70 – 72 C-

 87 – 89 B+ 67 – 69 D+

 83 – 86 B 63 – 66 D

 80 – 82 B- 60 – 62 D-

 59 and lower F

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## **ONLINE CLASS RESOURCES—**

[Google Classroom](http://evla.weebly.com): http://[www.classroom.google.com](http://www.classroom.google.com)

BHS Classroom Page: http://[www.browerville.k12.mn.us/language-arts---9.html](http://www.browerville.k12.mn.us/language-arts---7.html)

JMC Gradebook: https://browerville.onlinejmc.com/

**\*Be sure that you are regularly checking your grades on JMC! Please talk with me if you have questions or believe an error has been made.**

**JMC Codes:** MI=missing included, X=exempt, P=pending, M=missing not included

**CLASS RULES AND REGULATIONS** are based on the principles of RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.

1. Respect yourself, classmates, teacher & school.
2. No swearing or offensive language.
3. No food will be allowed. Only beverages in bottles with caps.
4. No backpacks or cellphones will be allowed. If a cell phone is out it will be held for the day. Smartwatches will be collected for tests and if used at other times, they may also be held.
5. Please see the BHS Student Handbook for further rules/expectations.

# **BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES—**

1. In the case of gross insubordination, or disruptive behavior you will be removed from class. Parents may be notified and appropriate consequences will be given. Prior to being readmitted, a conference must take place with the teacher.
2. Cheating will not be tolerated. Both the cheater and the one supplying the answers will be given the following consequences: A zero will be given for the assignment or test and it will be marked as such in the grade book. Additional offenses may result in a parent meeting.
3. Plagiarism is a serious offense and as such the student will receive a zero on the assignment/test. Additional offenses may involve parents and administration.