



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) 20-1

MOUNTAIN VIEW ACADEMY

September 2008-January 2009

Teacher: Mrs. Lizotte

COURSE CONTENT

The following components will make up the content of this course. Details on specific titles of reading material will follow.

- Novel [*Sept. 2- Sept. 30*]
- Poetry [*Oct. 1-17*] *Dates are tentative
- Novel/Feature Film Study [*Oct. 20- Nov. 18*]
- Shakespeare [*Nov. 19- Dec. 17*]
- Short Story [*Dec. 18- Jan. 16*]
- Other: Visual and Multi-media text, Essays, Popular Non-fiction will be incorporated throughout the above units.
- Vocabulary assignments
- Book Reports
- Required Reading assignments
- Extra Credit Reading
(See reading list for details)

Never settle for less than your best.

COURSE EVALUATION

Following is the breakdown of marks for this course.

5%- Notebook

5%- Homework

10%- Vocabulary assignments

50%- Daily work, Assignments, Projects, Tests

10%- Book Reports

10%- Midterm Exam

10%- Final Exam

“English is not a spectator sport”

E. Tahiriha

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Students will:

- Attend class every day, prepared and ready to learn
- Work diligently and use class time effectively
- Work independently, unless otherwise directed
- Respect other student's right to learn
- Review on a regular basis
- Ask for extra help if needed to deal with course content, the organization of work, long-term projects, or studying for exams.
A mutually agreed upon time will be set up to assist students.

POLICY REGARDING MP3/IPOD PLAYERS AND CELL PHONES

The use of MP3/IPOD players and cell phones during class time is forbidden. Students who use these devices during class times will have them confiscated.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a serious offense. Writing assignments are checked on a regular basis to ensure that they contain the students' own words and ideas. Students who use the words of others without quoting and citing sources will automatically receive a zero for that assignment. If the problem persists, the administration will be brought in to help deal with the situation.

STUDENT RESOURCES

- *Life of Pi* (Yann Martel)
- *The Great Gatsby* (F. Scott Fitzgerald)
- *Macbeth* (William Shakespeare)
- Imprints 11
- English Language Arts Handbook for Secondary Students
- www.sparknotes.com

Dream
Believe in Yourself
Try
Do Good

HOMEWORK POLICY

It is an expectation that homework is completed on a daily basis. A missed homework assignment will automatically result in a loss of .5% of the term homework mark. Late long term/major assignments will also be deducted 10%/day up to a maximum of 50%. Students will have a Homework Agenda in which to write their homework assignments.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is important for success in this course. In the event that a student is absent, it is the responsibility of the student to find out what was missed and to complete any missed work. It is important to remember that a lot of the work in this course is made up of lectures, discussions and activities that include student participation. These types of activities cannot be made up, reinforcing that fact that regular attendance is essential.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If parents/guardians need to get a note to me, feel free to use your child's homework agenda for this purpose. I am available to meet or speak on the phone, mornings from 8:15-8:40 or after school until 4:00 pm. Please leave a message at any other time and I will return your call as promptly as possible. I kindly request that students and parents not phone me at home. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

My email address at school is jlizotte@mountainviewacademy.ca Please feel free to contact me this way if it is more convenient for you.

Tips for Successful Students

Successful students...

- ✓ *Are responsible and active*
- ✓ *Have educational goals*
- ✓ *Ask questions*
- ✓ *Learn that a student and teacher make a team*
- ✓ *Take good notes*
- ✓ *Understand that actions affect learning*
- ✓ *Talk about what they're learning*
- ✓ *Don't cram for exams*
- ✓ *Are good time managers*