

# ENGLISH 10

*Mrs. Sanchez, 2022-2023*

## Contact Information

The best way to contact me is through email **directly**, [tsanchez@amphi.com](mailto:tsanchez@amphi.com). My classroom phone number is (520) 696-5654 and I am available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. We have a classroom Remind: text @tsanchez10 to 81010 for text updates! Parents are welcome to join too.

## In Person Materials

- Binder
- Lined Paper
- Notebook (to leave in class!)
- Highlighters
- Pens
- Pencils
- Colored pens

## Course Details

Students will use the HMH Grade 10 Intro to Literature textbook in class to align with state standards. Other novels and texts will be provided.

Students are expected to read one independent novel a semester. I ask that your selected novels are grade level appropriate. You will also be responsible for a project on your chosen book each semester. You may change your independent novel at any point prior to the due date.

## Curriculum

We will read from a selection of the following works:

- HMH Intro to Literature Grade 10
  - Selected short stories
  - Selected poems
- *Animal Farm*
- *Macbeth*
- *I am Malala*

This list is subject to change due to text availability.

## Behavior Expectations

All students are expected to come to class prepared with all materials, utensils, and readings. Students should be quiet and working on their bellwork when the last bell rings. If you need a hall or bathroom pass, you must ask and then sign out. You need to take the hall pass with you and sign back in upon returning.

I take disrespectful behavior very seriously. I do not permit derogatory remarks of any kind in my classroom. This includes no profanity. My classroom is a safe zone for all students. If you are disrespectful to me or to another student, you will receive a warning. The second time I have to warn you, we will have a conference. The third time equals a detention and a phone call home. If the behavior persists, you will be referred to the discipline office. As your teacher, I reserve the right to alter these consequences as I see fit.

## Assignment Categories

The following is the English 10 standard for weighted categories:

- Process: 30%
- Formative: 40%
- Summative: 20%
- Final Exam: 10%

Please refer to the class info section on our class website for a breakdown of what goes into each category.

## Grading Scale

The following is Amphitheater School District's new grading scale policy:

- A: 100-90%
- B: 89-80%
- C: 79-70%
- D: 69-60%
- F: 59-50%

No zeroes will be given unless the student has cheated or plagiarized their work.

## Grade Rounding and Extra Credit

I do round end of semester grades before they are posted to academic history. .5 rounds up. If you have an 89.4, your grade will not be rounded to an A. Do not ask me to round your grade if it is not a .5 or higher. You must show me that you deserve the rounding by working hard in class and having NO missing assignments.

Extra credit is *extra* credit, not make up credit. It will only be offered if you have no missing assignments.

## Additional Help

If you need additional help with anything in my classroom, please make an appointment with me for help during tutorial on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or during advisory.

## Assignment Policy

As a general rule, your homework is any assignment that you did not finish in class. Occasionally, there will be readings and chapters to finish at home as well.

If you are chronically ill, or have other circumstances in which you will be absent frequently, come speak to me so that we can make arrangements regarding your school work. Also per school policy, if you have an unexcused absence, you are NOT allowed to make up any work, including tests and quizzes. If you are absent, please make sure that your parents call attendance within 24 hours to excuse it.

## Academic Honesty

I take academic honesty very seriously, and there will be severe consequences for those who violate it.

## Academic Misconduct Defined

**Plagiarism:** Behavior that intentionally or unintentionally represents the ideas, words or work of another student, person or organization without clear and appropriate explicit acknowledgement. This includes using another person's work without citing the source.

- Copying another person's work and presenting it as your own original work
- Looking at another person's work and copying answers and presenting it as your own
- Rewording another person's ideas or words and not acknowledging the source

- Copying and pasting information and ideas directly from the Internet or other sources and presenting it as your own
- Allowing another person to complete work submitted as your own

**Collusion:** Behavior allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another. There are times when students will collaborate with other students to complete their work. However, the final work must be independently produced, despite the fact that it may be based on the same or similar data and/or research as another student.

- Allowing a person to copy your own work and present it as their original work in whole or parts
- Allowing one person to do all the work related to a project and then take equal credit for work you did not complete

**Duplication:** Behavior of presenting the same work for different assessment components and/or course requirements.

- Submitting work completed by yourself or another person from a previous class to gain credit on another assessment

## Exam Improperities

- Communicating with other students during test or exam when not authorized
- Bringing unauthorized material into a test or exam setting
- Using electronic devices inappropriately while in a test or exam setting

## Cheating

- Claiming someone else's information or school work for your own
- Recording and/or transferring information about tests or quizzes to another person

*\*Taken from the CDO IB Academic Honesty Policy\**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What if I miss a class?

You're responsible for making up the work that you miss! If you miss a lecture, it is YOUR responsibility to email me and ask for the material. Work can only be made up from excused absences, per school policy.

### What happens if I am tardy?

You'll need to sign into class, even if you have a pass. You receive a warning for tardies 1-3; tardy 4 and 5 automatically earn you a lunch detention.

### I don't understand why I'm getting the grade I am. Can we discuss it?

Of course! Email me to set up a conference. I'm happy to go over any assignments or feedback that you don't understand.

### Can I use my cell phone in class?

You may not. Your cell phone needs to be off and in the numbered pockets at the front of the room. If you are on your phone, I will take it until the end of the school day.

### Why didn't you message me back at 1:30 a.m. when I texted you for help?

I was sleeping and you should be too! Keep your communication during school hours, please.