

# Syllabus | Language Arts 10

Language Arts | Room 507 | 2023-2024

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## Class Description

Welcome to Language Arts 10! In this class, we will continue your study of **reading, writing, critical thinking, and public speaking**. This class is for all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students working towards high school graduation.

## Student Responsibilities

1. **Respect** all students
2. **Respect** the classroom
3. **Respect** the teacher
4. Be **ready** for class
5. **Listen**, stay **focused**, and pay **attention**

## Student Rights

1. Feel **safe** in class
2. Feel **respected** in class
3. Ask for **help**

## Materials

**Bring** these items to class **every day**

- Pencils or pens
- Binder
- **Notebook**
- **Planner – keep track of due dates, use as a pass to the bathroom.**
- Pencil pouch
- Dividers
- highlighters

## Participation Expectations

- Attend class
- Discuss class topics with the class, the teacher and each other.
- Respond to all communications
- Complete work in a timely manner

## Grading and assessment

- Mastery: Tests, quizzes, Final Essay Drafts (60%)
- Formative: Rough Essays Drafts, projects, and presentations (35%)
- POWER (5%)
- You can redo or retake all assignments and tests for full credit

Score	Percentage	Description
4	100	Advanced
3.5	95	Exceeds
3	85	Meets +
2.5	75	Meets
2	65	Minimally meets
1	55	Does not meet
0	0	Assignment not submitted or attempt doesn't engage with the assignment. Mastery assignments not submitted earn 0%

## Absences

- You can turn in late work anytime within the same semester. You can make up missed tests as well.
- If you know you will need to miss a day, check in with me ahead of time so that I can give you access to work you'll miss or we can discuss making the work up.
- Assignments and materials will always be available on the Schoology page for the class. Do your best to stay on track, or catch up if you get behind.
- Email me or talk to me whenever you have a question or if you are unsure.

## What will we learn?

### Writing

**Formal Writing** – *Formal writing is structured writing for a purpose. It's learning to put your ideas in a certain form.*

We will typically write a persuasive essay, literary analysis essay, narrative essay, poems and practice **essay revision**.

**Informal Writing** – *Informal writing is expressing your ideas without trying to fit it into any particular form. It's a free write. This kind of writing can be a good brainstorm technique.*

Quick writes, journals, reflective writing, brainstorming, **writing to help yourself understand your thoughts or something we read**.

### Reading

Poetry, 2-4 novels (fiction), a variety of articles (nonfiction) and possibly podcasts.

## Semester 1

Elements of Fiction  
Literary Devices  
Short Stories – Reading and Writing  
Characterization and Irony  
American Street – Reading (novel)  
Persepolis – Reading (Graphic Novel)  
Character Analysis Essay – Formal Writing  
Poetry – Reading and Writing

## Semester 2

Text Annotation  
Research  
Persuasive/Argumentative Essay – Writing  
Nonfictions Articles – Reading  
Text Structure - reading  
Enrique's Journey – Reading (Novel)  
Macbeth – Reading (drama)

## What it means to be a RAIDER

All raiders are...

### Prepared and punctual

Raiders come to class on time and with all required materials.

### Organized

Raiders maintain a binder and planner.

### Writers

Raiders write daily.

### Engaged

Raiders are focused on their present and future lives.

### Respectful

Raiders respect each other, as well as the space and property they occupy.

**Read this with your parents, guardian, or  
whomever you live with.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_