

Language Arts 4

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Teacher Information

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Plan hour: 3rd hour 9:46 – 10:36 a.m.

Course Description

This course is designed for students to build connections between literature, writing, and the world outside the classroom. Areas of study include vocabulary, technology, varying forms of writing, essays, career preparation, and real world issues. The course will prepare students for life after school, enhancing their communication skills and their understanding of their world.

Required Materials

- Writing Utensil
- A folder specifically for this class
- A notebook specifically for your Reader's Notebook
- Paper (not your Reader's Notebook)
- A book for reading (every day!)

Course Expectations

Behavior: You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that follows school policy as well as the following classroom expectations:

- 1. Be seated and begin the warm up activity as soon as the bell rings.**
- 2. Bring necessary materials and have them ready.**
- 3. Pick up after yourself.**
- 4. Respect and treat others the way you would like to be respected and treated.**
- 5. Creative endeavors and opposing beliefs are to be met with open hearts and open minds.**
- 6. Participate in class discussions. Your voice, your thoughts and your concerns are all important here...so share!**

If you choose to behave in a way that hinders the learning process of others, proper disciplinary action will follow.

Homework Expectations:

On every piece of homework turned in you must put the following:

Name

Date

Hour

Homework is expected to be turned in on time (before I leave on the day it is due). If you miss class it is your responsibility to find out what homework you may have missed. If you have an excused absence you will have one extra day to turn in your homework (make sure to mark this on your homework - "Absent" written on the top is acceptable). If you are going to miss school for a sporting or other extracurricular event you are still responsible for the work. You must ask me, I will not make it my duty to tell you what you'll miss.

Cell Phones

Students who have cell phones are expected to keep the phones turned off and not visible during class. Students who violate this expectation will risk confiscation of the phone. I will tell you once; if you do not listen the phone will be taken.

IPods, e-readers, and other devices

E-readers may be used for reading. Any other devices at any other time may be used ***with my permission. Ask first!***

Academic Integrity

Cheating is an unacceptable behavior in this classroom! Students caught cheating will receive a zero on the assignment. If a student is caught a second time or cheating occurred on an exam, the student will receive a zero as well as an office referral.

Tentative Course Outline:

1st Semester:

Tuesdays With Morrie

Debates

Writing Essays

2nd Semester:

Business Writing

Short Stories

Historical Perspectives: Coming Home From War