

ELA 30S is an 80 minute course that runs every day, all semester.

We will begin every day with a warm-up activity such as spelling, grammar, video journals, etc.

The units are as follows:

Unit 1: *Moon at Nine* by Deborah Ellis

Unit 2: Short Stories

Unit 3: *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare

Unit 4: *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose

Unit 5: Poetry Anthology

*In between each unit, we will focus on creative writing with Writer's Workshop assignments

Attendance is mandatory!

- Be on time, bring your supplies, and be ready to learn!
- If you miss a class, look in the class bin for assignments and ask a classmate for missed notes.

Supplies:

- Blue/black and red pens – no pencils!
- 1 duo tang or scribbler
- Binder with loose-leaf

Final Evaluation:

Writer's Workshop	25%
Assignments, Quizzes, Presentations, etc.	50%
Final Exam	25%

Teacher Availability:

I am available at noon hour (most) if you need any assistance with your ELA assignments. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ali Lodge at the school (204) 367-2296. You can also contact me via email at alodge@sunrisesd.ca.

Overview:

Classroom instruction will include speaking/listening, reading/writing, and viewing/representing. Students will be involved in studying six different modes of literacy, integrated into the major units.

Six Modes of Literacy:

1. Writing

Work to improve ability to communicate in written form

Different modes of creative writing

In-class journal assignments

Researching, writing and editing essays (developing formal essay writing skills)

2. Reading

Improve level and amount of reading

Read a number of short stories, novels, a play, and some poetry

Great Books Study: read a great work of literature

3. Speaking

Goal is to become comfortable speaking to a class of peers

Give group and personal presentations of completed work or assignments

4. Listening

Work at listening to and respecting ideas of others

Respect others as they present ideas in front of the classroom

Listen to and evaluate others' ideas

5. Viewing

Learn to view different modes of communication with an evaluative focus

Watch movies/films/documentaries and comment on what they mean to us

6. Representing

Represent ideas through spoken word, art, and written work

This course uses Homework Club to ensure success. What is it?

- A quiet room where you can come to work on homework, write a missed test/quiz, receive extra help from a teacher, or catch up on assignments.
- Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 11:45 in Room 26
- There will always be at least one teacher on hand to assist you.
- Attendance is taken for those that attend so that students are able to hand in late assignments to their teacher.
- How does it work?
 - **Example:** if you are unable to hand in your completed math assignment on Monday, the teacher will remind you to attend Homework Club the following day, Tuesday, to work on this assignment. You can continue to attend Homework Club until you have completed your assignment.
 - Better yet? Finish your assignment Monday night, so that you don't have to attend Homework Club and can hand in your assignment during class on Tuesday!
 - If you don't attend? You must hand in what you have completed at the point. There is no extension past this.

Classroom Expectations:

- Be responsible with electronics – cellphones are not needed in this course!
- Water bottles and healthy snacks are allowed.
- Be respectful!
- Assignments:
 - Must be completed and handed in by the due date to determine your progress.
 - Refer to the Homework Club guidelines for late assignments.
 - Assignments will not be accepted after the conclusion of a Unit.

Student/Guardian Agreement:

Please print your names and return to Mrs. Lodge ASAP. Please include a phone number where you can be reached, as well as an email address. Emailing during the day is the best method to get a hold of me. I will also send out updates to those that provide me with an email address.

Student Name: _____

Guardian Name(s): _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____