

**English 9**  
**Mrs. McCracken**

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Google Classroom Code –

**Course Frequency** – One year long, 5 days per week

**Credits Offered** – One

**Prerequisites** – Successful completion of Reading and English courses in eighth grade

**Course Description**

English 9 is a one-term course with a focus on various genres of literature. Students will be reading and studying novels, expository texts, short stories, autobiographies, drama, and poetry. Students will be challenged and given the opportunity to grow in their practical language skills through meaningful class discussions, journal prompts, and essay writing. Students will continue to use and practice grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary skills. With an understanding of the fundamentals of literary analysis, students will be able to construct a multi-paragraph essay as well as experiment with other essay forms and modes.

**Class Rules**

- 1) Be on time
- 2) Be respectful
- 3) Be prepared

**Tardiness:** School policies on attendance will be enforced. Students that have 3 or tardys will be given an after school detention.

**Consequences for Misbehavior:**

- 1.) Student-teacher meeting and phone call home
- 2.) Parent-teacher conference
- 3.) Referral and phone call home
- 4.) After school detention and/or other form of disciplinary action.

**Cell phones and other Electronic devices:**

Teacher approval must be given for the use of a cell phone or other electronic device per class period.

**Late and Absent Work:** No late work will be accepted unless pre-arranged and according to school policies (generally one day per day of absence after returning).

**Academic Dishonesty:** Cheating will not be tolerated. Plagiarism is a form of cheating and will not be tolerated. Work completed (homework, classwork, assessments) that is academically dishonest will be given an automatic zero and the student will be given a referral. Please refer to the MASD guidelines on plagiarism.

**Plagiarism=** Any intentional representation of another's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism includes the misuse of published material, electronic material, and/or the work of other students. The original writer who intentionally shares his/her paper for another to copy, without the permission of the teacher, is also engaged in plagiarism.

**Literature Book – Prentice Hall Ninth Grade Literature Book****Novels**

*That Was Then, This Is Now*

*Night*

*Dear Martin*

*The Wicked Deep*

*The Collector*