

Language Arts 10 A.C.
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: **LA10AC** will introduce the five paragraph format through an emphasis on six-trait writing. Other forms of expression such as technical writing will also be introduced. Students are encouraged to critically analyze literary work, looking for symbolism, thematic devices, etc. The research paper is introduced, showing students techniques for note-taking, locating information and synthesizing the information found to develop a paper.

Additional importance is placed on informative speeches and format for speaking.

*To be placed in **LA10AC**, students must have an 80% or higher grade in **LA9** or **LA9AC** and be **recommended** by their **LA9** teacher. To remain in **LA10AC** the second semester, students must maintain an 80% average or higher in **LA10AC** first semester. **LA 10 AC** is required for **Val/ Sal consideration**.*

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR CLASS:

1. Textbook—Literature and Language
2. Wide or narrow lined paper (as the student prefers)
3. Blue or black ink pen; plenty of lead pencils
4. A package of 3 x 5 notecards (lined) for the research paper the second semester
5. Laptop computer (flash drive is recommended)

CLASS RULES:

1. Bring all necessary materials to class. Bring your laptop each day (make sure it is charged). I will send you back to your locker if you come unprepared, and you will get a book tardy. No sharing of textbooks will be allowed. Bring your own pencil (mine cost a quarter).
2. Attend to restroom needs before class. Only in extreme emergencies (e.g. vomiting) will a student be allowed to leave the room.
3. Be in class and seated on time. Persons walking in with the bell

are tardy, and I will record you as tardy in Edustar. The third and fourth tardy will result in a call to your parents and disciplinary action (detention). The fifth tardy will result in an office referral. Make sure you have an admit if you are tardy coming from another teacher or returning from an absence in my class.

4. Respect all people and all property at all times.

- . a) Do not talk when someone else is talking, or when you should be working on an assignment by yourself.
- . b) Take care of your books and the desks. Keep feet off the desks and chairs. Keep chairs flat on all four legs. You will pay for damaged books and clean defaced furniture.
- . c) Keep the room neat and clean—pick up paper, pencils, etc.
- ___d) **Remain in your seat until the bell rings.** There should be absolutely no one standing at the door waiting for the bell.
- . e) If you sleep in class, I will assume you are ill and will send you to the office so you may go home.
- . f) Follow the rules in the Student Handbook.
- . *No cell phone use during class (phone will be given to Mrs. Sosa for the first infraction and can be picked up after class; the phone will be taken to the office and can be picked up after school for a second infraction)
- . *Water is the only drink allowed in my classroom.
- . *Dress should be appropriate and not distracting to others.

An infraction of any of these rules will result in one warning; an office referral will follow if the warning does not take care of the problem.

GRADES:

Grades will be based on the percentage of a total number of possible points in a grading period. Grades are figured by dividing points earned by points possible. Percentages will be rounded up when the fraction is .5 or above (e.g. 89.5% would round to 90%). Points will be given for daily work and tests. Assignments are accorded points based on length and complexity of the work.

I expect assignments to be placed in the assignment tray when called for on the date due. In general, daily work must be submitted on time to receive full credit. Late work will only be accepted the next class period for 50% credit. Long term assignments such as research papers, book reports, and essays will not be accepted after the due date. You are responsible for getting the assignment when you have been absent, and it is due on the next day you return to class (provided that you have been in school one day prior to returning to my class; if you have not had that one day, work will be due on the second day you return to my class). Keep all returned papers until the end of the nine-week grading period (this is your proof that you turned in the assignment if there is a question about the grade).

Your name must be on all papers. No name, no grade! All essays and written book reports will be typed.

You will be expected to read books outside of class each nine-week period. It will be required that some of these books come from a selected reading list. The type of evaluation for the “book report” will vary each nine-week period. No credit will be given for late book reports, so allow time before the due date.

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GRADING SCALE:

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87-89 B+ 84-86 B 80-83 B-

77-79 C+ 74-76 C 70-73 C-

67-69 D+ 64-66 D 60-63 D-