

11th & 12th Grade English Language Arts

About Your Teacher



Greetings, Scholars!

My name is Mrs. Verango and have extensively taught collaborative communication, various types of writing (narrative, expository, etc.), Socratic seminars, and public speaking. I have a Master in Education from Northcentral University in K-12 Curriculum and Teaching, and a Master in Teaching at Northwest University in Kirkland for secondary education in English Language Arts. I am married, have three adult children, and two cats. Besides teaching, my other passions are photography (using my iphone), cooking, gardening, and fashion.

Contact Info.

Phone number:

Email:

My Availability

M-F, 1 hour before school starts
and 1-2 hours after school

COURSE SNAPSHOT

In 11th/12th grade English you will be reviewing ELA writing components. The class will consist of popular literature, along with selected studies from around the globe. You will be required to make real-world connections and collaborate with group mates in order to attain skills you will use as adults. I recognize that all of you learn in a variety of ways, therefore, various strategies will be used to help meet your individual needs as a scholar. Overall, you will develop skills in analytical research, questioning, collaborating, presenting, reading, writing, and discussing. Furthermore, you will be watching videos that are connected to the texts that you will be analyzing.

TEXTS & VIDEOS

*Just to name a few
and not in any
particular order.*

- *The Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Belgian Congo* (Documentary) - YouTube
- *The Stranger*
- *The Stranger* - movie
- The Myth of Sisyphus/Absurdism

=REQUIRED TEXT=

On poetry...

- *The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman

- *Patterns for College Writing: A Rhetorical Reader and Guide* (10th Edition) by Laurie G. Kirschner and Stephen R. Mandell

PURPOSE

- ✓ *To be persuasive; be a voice*
- ✓ *Research with evidence*
- ✓ *Evaluate and analyze*
- ✓ *Contribute your thoughts to society*
- ✓ *Respond to diverse perspectives*
- ✓ ***Help change the world***



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Homework and Class Assignments Policy

I believe in you...you got this! This is YOUR opportunity to learn. Turning in assignments on time will make your life a lot easier than having to make it up. A managed time is no time loss for the good stuff in life. PLEASE ask for help as needed and check for my availability. You are preparing to become adults in this forever-changing world, so it is up to you to make a path for yourself towards success.

Excused Absences

I am well aware that life exists outside of school, however, sometimes it sucks when it interferes with your school-life. I've been there, too! Let me help...check out my availability so I can help you get caught up with what's going on in class. I could even share a funny moment or two that you might have missed! Nonetheless, I want to help you be the thriving scholar you are. We'll work it out.

Create a better tomorrow, by doing it today!
~Mrs. Verango



CLASS NORMS

1. Challenge one another with respect.
2. Be ready to have your mind changed by someone else's ideas.
3. Be generous with praise and kindness for your friends and colleagues.
4. Turn up on time. Being on time shows respect for your learning and your peers.
5. Organize what you need for class the night before. You're almost an adult ... it's time to get organized!

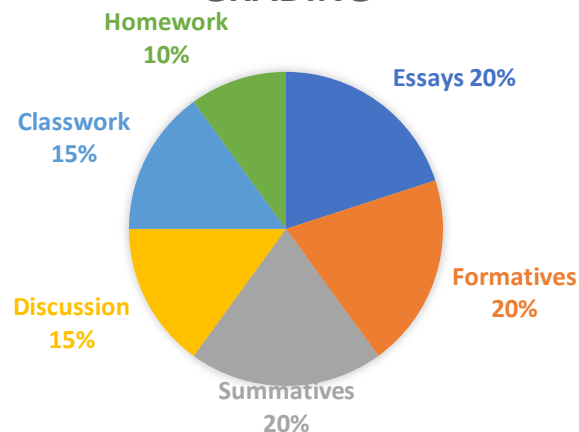
Need to go? Sign up for a hall or bathroom pass.

The "Woohoo! I'm done!" tray is for assignments turned in on time or before the due date.

Live and breathe the SLANT model. The poster is on the wall if you need help remembering.

Turning in late assignments? Put 'em in the "Whew! I'm FINALLY done!" tray.

GRADING



You are almost there! Another year or two and you will make it out into this thing called the "real world." Your job is to create your world, your view in the way you want to contribute to our forever changing society. My job is to help you get there. You got this! 🤖👍

