

9th 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 9th grade English you will be reviewing many ELA components. The class will consist of diverse literature covering the past and present, 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 Talk: Conversations About Race, Love, and Truth*, a compilation of short stories by popular authors and illustrators.
- *Night*, by Elie Wiesel
- Oprah Winfrey's interview with Elie Wiesel
- *Everything I Never Told You*, by Celeste Ng
- Kimberle' Crenshaw, TED Talk
- *All American Boys*, by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- *Romeo and Juliet*, by William Shakespeare
- *The Odyssey*, by Homer
- *Wherefore Art Thou?*

KEY THEMES

- ✓ *What defines who people are?*
- ✓ *Who has power in our society and why?*
- ✓ *Who has voice in society?*
- ✓ *How can I contribute to my community?*
- ✓ *How do stories shape who we are and how we see 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. Set yourself high expectations every day.
2. Shoot for the moon. If you miss, you'll make it to the stars.
3. Take risks in order to achieve great things.
4. Play together because play is the highest form of learning!
5. Visualize what or who you want to be and strive for your ideal.
6. Believe in yourself and your friends. You are the future of the world.

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

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

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

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

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