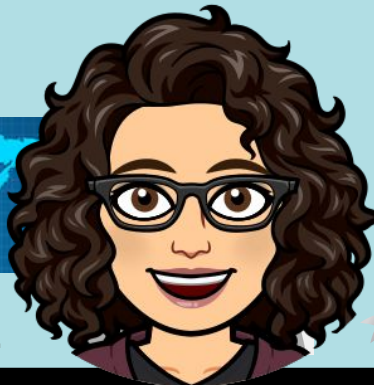


# English 9

Developing **CRITICAL THINKING** and **LITERACY** skills to become **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS**.



**Mrs. Lack**

B.S. Ed. English Language Arts  
M.S. Ed. Reading and Literacy



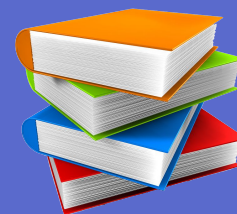
## COURSE CONTENT

Students will learn and practice active listening, read a variety of workplace and literary texts, learn and practice essential digital skills, utilize a process to create and modify written work, implement conventions of language and usage, and utilize context to decipher word meanings.



## Becoming 21st Century Citizens

Creating  
Collaborating  
Communicating  
Critically Thinking



## GRADING



You must earn a 60 or above overall average in order to receive a credit for this class.



Attendance is important. Many classroom experiences cannot be duplicated. Alternate assignments may be given to replace classroom experiences.

If you do not understand an assignment, check with me making sure that you reach me far enough in advance that you will have time to finish the assignment. Saying "I didn't understand" will not excuse any assignment you fail to turn in. If you are having personal difficulties apart from class, you need to come talk to me before an assigned due date so that we can make arrangements for you.

## Make-Up Assignments

All work for an excused absence must be completed and turned-in within five school days. Your presence (mind and body) in class is essential. If you **MUST** miss class due to illness or other circumstances beyond your control, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to find out which assignments you missed.

## Classroom Expectations

- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be resourceful

## How to stay out of trouble

- Be where you are supposed to be.
- Do what you are supposed to be doing.
- Follow all directions the first time.

## Class Supplies

This is a mostly paperless classroom. However, paper and pen/pencil may occasionally be needed. We will be doing creative projects throughout the year and you may want your own colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc. I will have project supplies available for you.

## Digital Devices

Students will be issued a school Chromebook to use throughout the school year. Students will not be allowed to use their personal electronic devices unless they are given special permission.



## Extra Credit

While extra credit does not replace effort on required assignments, I do believe extra work, at times, merits extra points. I will offer various extra credit opportunities throughout the year.



To sign up for our text message reminder service, text the message **@mrsalack** to the number 81010.

## Please Note:

Students will be notified if their overall grade drops below a C. I will have a conference with the student and create a plan with them to help them improve.

Parents will be notified if a student's overall grade drops to failing. We will have a conference and create a plan to help the student improve.