



English 10

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Welcome to English 10!

This course will focus on strengthening listening, reading, writing, communication, and critical thinking skills. Even though this is an English course, importance is placed on what you *learned* from a piece of literature (*application*) in addition to what you *know* about it (*knowledge*). For this reason, you can expect a wide variety of activities throughout the term!

In addition to good work habits and completion of all activities and assignments, your success in this course depends on the quality of your in-class writing. Regardless of the high marks you may receive on quizzes, activities, creative projects, etc., your in-class writing must also meet the same expectations for your grade level. **Writing is the skill that is weighted the highest.**

Class procedures

Punctuality and preparedness— You should be ready to work after the bell has rung. If you are late, please enter the class without any disruptions.

In box— Please hand in all assignments directly into the in box according to the appropriate label.

Homework check— Regular homework checks will be completed.

Cell phones and other technologies— When anybody is speaking (including your peers), please keep them silent during class time **and** put away/flipped over on your table. Out of respect for fellow students and teachers, earbuds and headphones must be removed. However, there will be opportunities to use them during certain classes. Except for quizzes and tests, you may listen to music during independent writing activities. **All students are responsible for their own devices and its responsible use. It is ultimately up to you and your peers to maintain your privileges. This is subject to revision!**

Food & drinks— Since the only schedule break is the lunch period, you may consume drinks and snacks in class. Please clean up after yourself, as this is subject to revision!

In-class reading— Due to the school schedule, there will be portions of the weekly double block class in which there will be silent reading. For this reason, please always bring a book of your choice to class! During these reading periods, you will complete small, stress-free activities about your reading material of choice and hand them in.

Website— Select handouts, supplemental material, important dates, and other information will be posted onto the class website. **Please be sure to check the website regularly.**

URL: <http://blogs.ubc.ca/missho/>.

→ Period: _____ Password: _____

Portfolios— It is your responsibility to keep **everything** that is completed for this class, as you will require your past work for an end of unit project. This includes anything that has been graded. Do not throw anything away or lose it!

Journals— Since this is an English course, the main focus of this course will be on strengthening your writing skills. These will be many opportunities to complete in-class pieces of writing (journal entries). Please hang on to all journal entries, as they may be a part of the portfolio project. Be sure you have an adequate amount of loose-leaf paper in your binders. Journals will be collected on occasion and/or be subject to homework checks.

Illnesses and absences— For the sake of your wellbeing, please stay home if you are sick! When you return to school, please send a signed note from a parent/guardian stating the date and reason for absence when the student returns to school. If you know you will be absent in advance (ex: field trip, medical appointment), please speak with me in advance. **Students are responsible for making up any missed work by speaking to me.** Please also contact your study partner and check the class website to see what you might have missed.

Study partner— Absent? Ask your study partner to see what you missed. This person can also help you pick up any handouts you may have missed.

Your partner is: _____

Contact information: _____

Extensions— Things happen. Need an extension for major assignments? You must **speak** to me in person _____ days in advance for alternate arrangements (no emails).

Intellectual dishonesty— This includes plagiarism and cheating. Any assignment suspected of intellectual dishonesty will automatically receive a zero. School administration will be notified of this matter. Please refer to school policies and procedures for complete details.

Other school policies— Please refer to the complete list of policies and procedures on the school website or in your agendas.

Contact information— If you or your parents/guardians have any further questions or concerns, please email me at _____. Please be sure to **include your name. Please also consult this course outline, class website, and your study partner before you email me.** Emails will be read and replied during school hours.

Accommodations and support— I am here to support you! If you have any questions or require extra support, please do not hesitate to ask. Please also speak with me if you have any circumstances which require accommodations.



I am looking forward to having you in the class!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Ho', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ms. Ho