**9th Grade World Literature and Composition**

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**HOW TO REACH ME**

**1.** [**nmckinley@upson.k12.ga.us**](mailto:nmckinley@upson.k12.ga.us) **(I generally reply within 24 hours)**

**2. Remind texts and app chat (I generally reply within 24 hours)**

## Get REMIND: Text @lit9nm to the number 81010 or to (478) 394-4184

## Or

Go to this link on your smartphone or computer: rmd.at/lit9nm

**Or**

**remind.com/join/lit9nm**

**3. ULHS phone: 706-647-8171 (I generally return your call within 48 hours)**

**Welcome to your Lit 9! This purpose of this class is to help you develop your reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.**

**Technology:**

We will use Chromebooks to complete assignments in class and to access additional resources. Online programs such as MyAccess writing, MasteryConnect, and GoogleClassroom will also be tools used to guide student learning.

**TEXTBOOK:**

We will use a set of books that will remain in the classroom. Students may check out a book from the teacher. Damage or loss of textbooks will result in a fine.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

* **Pencils/Pens**
* **Binder/Folder**
* **Paper (loose leaf or bound)**
* **\*\*\* Composition notebook/ Single subject spiral notebook/ Journal Folder (**this item will remain in the classroom so it should be separate from any other folder/binder**)\*\*\***

**Classroom Expectations**

1. **Be Respectful**

Listen when the teacher is speaking or when a peer is speaking. Raise your hand and wait until you are called on to speak. Be kind and helpful whenever possible.

1. **Be Responsible**

Be responsible for your education. Make sure you check your grades often and ask questions when you don’t understand. Work hard on your assignments. Ask for and turn-in make-up work.

1. **Be Ready to Learn:**

When your teacher gives you a direction, please follow it right away. Come to school as often as you can. Bring your materials to class. Come to this class knowing that you have the power to succeed in Lit 9 this year.

* ***“Nothing will work unless you do” - Maya Angelou***

**Day to Day Operations:**

* **Do your work AND Turn it in.** Complete all daily assignments, quizzes, tests, essays, and projects.
* **Attend faithfully and arrive on time.**
* **Hall Passes.** Students must have an approved hall pass any time they are in the halls during class time. **3 passes** **per nine weeks**. Any additional passes out of room will require make up of the loss of instructional time within 24 hours. ***[Exception:*** Doctor’s note on file with the school nurse.**]** Student may only be allowed to go to the restroom on their hallway.
* **Make up Work:** The student is responsible for initiating contact with his/her teacher to determine if there is work to be made up after an absence of any kind. Make-up work must be made-up within five (5) days, or by the next two available Saturday school days after returning to school. Students with unexcused absences must make up their missed work during Saturday school, unless there are circumstances that would allow an administrator to allow other opportunities to make up work. Long term assignments such as term papers, projects, etc. will be due on the date established by the assigning teacher, unless other arrangements are made with the assigning teacher. **SEE STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR FULL POLICY.**

**UNIVERSAL GRADING SCALE:**

10% **Effort Assignments**

(Notes, homework)

25% **Daily Assignments**

(Class work, journals)

30% **Formative Assessments**

(Quizzes, drafts)

35% **Summative Assessments**

(Tests, projects, essays)

20% (of yearly average)**\*Georgia Milestone\***

**MIDTERM GRADES**

- Minimum of **7** grades

-**Effort** = at least 2 grades

-**Daily** = at least 2 grades

-**Formative** = at least 2 grades

-**Summative** = at least 1 grade

**9 WEEKS GRADES**

-Minimum of **14** grades

-**Effort** = at least 4 grades

-**Daily** = at least 4 grades

-**Formative** = at least 4 grades

-**Summative** = at least 2 grades

***Dear Students***:

I expect great things from all of you. I want great things for all of you. I want you to be **confident**, generous, trustworthy, responsible, **empathetic**, and kind.

I want your year to be your best year so far. I want this year to be my best year so far. The traits I want to see in you, I hope you see in me. I will hold you accountable, and I want you to hold me accountable as well. I encourage you to be active participants in your education! We will have a great year.

**Natalie McKinley**

***Dear Parents/Guardians,***

I want your children to succeed this year, and I believe they can succeed. They will be asked to work hard. I will help and encourage them along the way. I encourage you to be active participants in their education. Please, do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns this year.

**Natalie McKinley**

**Please Sign & Return to N. McKinley**

**Remember to sign-up for Remind alerts** (extra credit will be given if either the student or parent/guardian signs up!)

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**Student:**

I understand the syllabus and what is expected of me. I will try my best to work hard in order to be successful in this class this year. I also understand that I will be held accountable for my behavior and my learning.

**Student Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:**

I have looked over the syllabus with my child and will hold him/her accountable so that we have a successful academic school year in this subject.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Contact Information: (optional)**

Best Way to Contact You:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Any Additional Information:**