

ELA Syllabus

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. The beginning of the school year is an exciting time, but this year is a different year with a different start - *Remote Learning*. As the students near the end of their educational journeys with the WCSD, it is important for you to know that Mrs. McCarthy and I **remain committed** to student learning and will be offering students a variety of ways to learn and demonstrate learning. (Student IEPs are incorporated into the development of all lessons.) Most importantly, if there are **unique circumstances** that interfere with student learning, please contact me so that we can discuss and address appropriately.

Course Overview: Reading for evidence and writing using evidence are critical skills to be developed. Close reading skills will be developed through the use of text annotation as will revising and editing skills. The Regents exam will be the final exam for 11th grade students. 12th grade students will create a resume, cover letter and write a college essay.

Prerequisite: Successful Completion of ELA 10 AND/OR ELA 11

Google Classroom Codes:

Period 1: rlc4n3s Period 7: 6gjffcu

Remind app:

Periods 1 & 7: @msdichiara

Course Objectives:

- Develop Close Reading Skills
- Build Stamina for Reading and Writing
- Text Annotation
- Work Revision & Reflection
- Collaboration
- Public Speaking Presentations
- Writing Argument-based Essays
- Literature Analysis
- Rhetoric Analysis

Attendance: A student who is absent on a regular basis will not be successful in learning. While much of remote learning will be recorded (as per WCSD policy), it is not recommended as the primary way to learn. It is important for students to participate and interact with us and each other in order to engage and develop relationships.

Academic Integrity Policy: Academic honesty is a core value in the WCSD. Work presented as original, must be original. Contributions of others must be cited appropriately in your work. Academic dishonesty will be treated in accordance with WCSD Board of Education policy 4710. **Plagiarism is** cheating on quizzes, tests and exams (includes the use of any electronic device), copying or collaborating on assignments without teacher permission, creating source material or “works cited” pages, etc.

(Important: Please send me a youtube link to your favorite song at Diane.DiChiara@wcsdny.org. I'll know you read the syllabus :-) I will then create an ELA song playlist!)

Grading:

Reading & Listening	35%	Writing & Speaking	35%
Class Participation	20%	Tech Integration	10%

Thank you,
Mrs. Di Chiara