



Brookwood High School

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE.....Freshman Language Arts
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ninth grade language arts involves the study of literary genres. Literature study is integrated with the study of language, composition, listening, speaking, vocabulary, and research skills (see Ninth Grade Language Arts Academic Knowledge and Skills).

COURSE CURRICULUM CONTENT

The entire list of Academic, Knowledge and Skills for each of the following curriculum strands in this course can be accessed through the district web address at www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us

AKS STRANDS	UNITS/TOPICS
A. Listening, Speaking and Viewing B. Comprehension C. Reading Across the Curriculum D. Writing E. Conventions	1. Test Preparation 2. Short Stories 3. Nonfiction 4. Mythology 5. <i>Odyssey</i> 6. Summer Reading and Novel 7. Research 8. <i>Word Clues/Vocabulary</i> 9. Grammar/Spelling 10. Writing/Gateway

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Published Materials	Instructional Supplies
<i>Prentice Hall Literature: Gold Level</i> Replacement Cost: \$60.97	1. Notebook and paper 2. Pens and pencils 3. Tab Dividers, 10 total 4. Highlighters and white out 5. Index cards (500 cards) 6. <i>Word Clues</i> textbook 7. <i>USB Storage Device</i>

EVALUATION AND GRADING

Grade Weights	Grading Scale
Class Assessments (class work, homework, quizzes) 35%	A: 90 and above
Interim Assessment (midterm/Benchmark) 5%	B: 80 – 89
Summative Assessment (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40%	C: 74 – 79
Final Exam (10% Performance/10% Objective) 20%	D: 70 – 73
	F: 69 or below

...Over for classroom rules, policies and procedures...

CLASSROOM RULES:

1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Be polite and respectful.
3. Be a participant.
4. Be prepared.
Be on time to class. *On time means in your seat and not needing to leave the room.*
Bring all materials to class each day. (textbook, notebook, pen, agenda book, whiteout, highlighters, index cards)
5. Follow policies in the Brookwood Student Handbook and the Gwinnett County Disciplinary Handbook.
*You must have your student handbook signed in order to leave the room.
*You must sign the Hall Pass Log (bookcase by the door) in order to leave the room.
6. Brookwood High School aligns our policies on academic honesty with similar policies found at colleges.
Cheating includes but is not limited to the following:
 - a. looking at a test, quiz, or exam of another student while taking an evaluation
 - b. attempting to communicate information in any way during an in-class evaluation
 - c. having cheat sheets or information written on the body or other personal objects
 - d. using programmed calculators or other electronic devices unless expressly permitted by teacher
 - e. looking at quiz, test, or exam materials prior to their administration
 - f. failure to give credit for ideas, words, or works of others (plagiarism)
 - g. giving information regarding an evaluation to another student who is scheduled to take the same evaluation
 - h. submitting work through the use of technology that is not created by the student, including but not limited to file sharing

GCPS GATEWAY EXAM: Ninth graders will need to pass the Gwinnett County Gateway Exam before graduation. The Gateway Exam will measure students' ability to effectively write about the science and social studies AKS covered in 9th and 10th grades. The exam will be administered in the spring of the 10th grade year. Students will have several opportunities to retake the exam if they are not successful the first time. Language Arts students will have two Gateway-style writing experiences this year to help prepare them for this type of writing. These Gateway essays will count as major grades.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Standards for Written Assignments:

Use a three-ring binder with loose leaf notebook paper (not spiral notebook paper).

Use blue or black ink. NO PENCIL except on standardized answer sheets.

Proper heading for written work: Top right hand corner > **Name/Date/Class Period**
Top line > **Title of Assignment**

Write only on **front of notebook paper** within the margins using standard paragraph format.

2. Homework:

Homework is due at the **beginning** of the class period. If you are present but unprepared on a homework due date, **you may turn in the assignment the next day for ½ credit.**

3. Make-up Policy for Tests and In-class Papers:

You must have an **excused absence** in order to make up a test or an in-class paper.

You have **five school days** from the day of the return to make up a test or in-class paper.

It is your responsibility to make arrangements for make-up with your teacher in a timely manner.

4. Policy for Projects and Other Major Out-of-class Assignments:

These assignments are due at the **beginning of the class period on the prearranged due date** even if the student is absent. Arrangements should be made to get these assignments to school either by a relative or other responsible person. If you check in or check out of school on the prearranged due date for a major assignment, bring the assignment to your teacher.

ASSIGNED WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED ONE DAY LATE FOR HALF CREDIT.