

Grade 9 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARETS Course Outline 2026-27

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DESCRIPTION: The Senior One ELA program is designed to further develop students' comprehension, usage and communication skills relative to the English language. Various methods of study will be used to achieve these skills such as reading aloud, writing and speaking with appropriate tone, interpreting texts such as news articles, and novels and completing comprehensive questions as well as learning advanced spelling, grammar and speech techniques.

Units of Study: Assignments will be selected from the following categories:

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| 1) Spelling, grammar and cursive writing | 2) Short stories |
| 3) Class Novel Study | 4) Poetry and song analysis |
| 5) Introduction to personal and creative writing | 6) Media Literacy |
| 7) Individual novel study | 8) Successful learning skills |
| 9) Introduction to inquiry, research and citation | |

Materials Needed: Students are to come prepared for class each day.

You will need daily: your textbook, a binder and loose leaf or a notebook, at least **1 pen** for taking notes, a **spare pen** and a **red pen**, a **pencil** and an **eraser**.

Attendance: Regular attendance is required and **necessary** for students to complete their work and be successful. Arriving on time is equally important.

Classroom Expectations:

Learning, respect, responsibility, and safety are the guiding principles of the SVRSS. If any of these four values are compromised the issue will be addressed.

Hats and Headwear -*In all of my classes, students of all genders, are asked to keep their hoods down and remove their outside hats, caps or toques while in the classroom. This is a simple sign of respect.*

Honesty: *Copying from the internet or any other source that is not your own, or failing to document a borrowed source is plagiarism. Plagiarism is not honest or acceptable. The consequences will involve your teacher and school administration. Honesty also extends to daily situations. Telling the truth about why you need to leave class and why you are late is extremely important in establishing trust and your reputation within the SVRSS campus.*

Formative Assessment:

This is everyday work that is monitored but not included in final grades. It is an indicator of curriculum outcome comprehension that students have from completing work during class time or as homework. Observations, conversations with students and daily work will be used in this form of assessment.

Summative Assessment:

This includes specific daily assignments, quizzes, tests and the final exam. All summative assessments count towards a student's final grade. Students who do not attend or complete formative work may find summative work difficult.

Grading will be as follows:

Demonstrations – (of learning)	20% (classroom work)
Tests -	10%
Organized Writing	20%
Rich Performance Task-	35% (research)
Exam-	15%

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Due Dates: All work must be turned in on time. **Late assignments may be subject to a late mark deduction based on the assignment.** Reasonable timelines will be set for all assignments. It is the student's job to ensure their work is completed on time. Should work not be completed due to exceptional circumstances or circumstances beyond their control, the student is asked to first speak with their teacher and then a further discussion with administration, where new due dates will be established.

Seriously late assignments may only be marked as completed or collected, rather than with a grade percentage, based on the teacher's professional discretion.

Missing a Test is serious business!!

Reasonable notice will be given for upcoming tests (no less than 3 school days). **If you are unable to take the test on the scheduled day, your parent or guardian, teacher or coach, must notify me directly prior to 9 am on the day of the test.** If at the end of class on a test day, your attendance shows a "truant" you will not be allowed to make the test up. See below.

Missed Classes.

If for **any** reason you miss a class, whether school related, personal or illness it is **100% your responsibility** to come to me to find out what you missed and collect new assignments. I will not be tracking you down to bring you missed work.

Leaving the classroom: Students are to be in class, prepared, **before** "O Canada".

You must pick up your textbook, binders, pens and pencils and bring them with you when you come to class **the first time**. As well, you are to use the bathroom **before** class starts, and fill water bottles **before** class starts. This being the first period of the day, only in emergencies will students be excused for these basic reasons. If you must leave, you are required to sign the class in and out log. Only one student is allowed to leave at a time.

Digital Citizenship: (Cell Phone Criteria)

As per the law enacted by the Manitoba government in August of 2024, cell phones will not be allowed in the classroom. If you carry your cell phone with you, it must be set to silent mode and put in the classroom phone holder. The digital device policy posted in room 216 clearly explains cell phone and digital device policy for Ms. Turton's classes. There are consequences for not following the cell phone/digital device policy.

Parents, you can help your student to adhere to this law by not phoning or texting them during class time. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Time use and management: At the high school level, students are expected to plan for their day and scheduled classes ahead of time. Serious learning time is lost when students must run in and out of class to find their supplies. It is beneficial if parents take a few minutes each day to help their students organize themselves before they leave for school.

Work time for most assignments will be given during the scheduled class time. Students must also come to realize that this is a luxury and should they choose to misuse this time, they will lose it. On a daily basis, any work not completed in class is to be considered homework and should be taken home, completed and returned for marking the next day.

NO food, snacks, beverages etc, in class. A water bottle with a tight sealing lid is acceptable.

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