

# American International School of Monrovia



## Year of The Wildebeest (Gnu)

### English/Language Arts Course Syllabus

Miss James  
Grade 10  
Classroom 8

### Contact Information

The easiest way to reach me is through email. My email is [elishajames@aismonrovia.com](mailto:elishajames@aismonrovia.com). If you would prefer to contact me via phone, please send a text message before calling 231-0770042598.

More information on the course can be found on Jupiter Ed after the Trimester Curriculum has been posted in 2 weeks. Students will also be able to access their grades, homework assignments, and other important information via Jupiter Ed.

Please know that it is my priority to ensure that each student has adequate assistance and ample opportunity to succeed in this class.

Sincerely,

*Elisha-Christina James*

### Course Overview

The English/Language Arts course for Grade 10 will address all of the McRel International Standards for English Language Arts with integrated instruction in Language, Speaking, and Listening. The McRel International Standards indicate what you should know and be able to do by the end of grade 10. These understandings will help you be prepared for future high school courses, college courses, and a career.

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### Classroom Supplies

- 3 Composition books or Notebooks (Writing, Vocabulary, General Literature)
- 2 folders (Classwork, Homework)
- Highlighters
- Black or blue pens and whiteout
- Pencils and/with eraser
- Glue stick
- Scissors

### Other Important Information

#### Daily Writing Activity

During the first trimester only, students will be required to complete daily free writes in their writing composition/notebooks for 10 minutes. Students will be given prompts to aid in their free write if they are unable to come up with a topic on their own.

#### Reading

Students will analyze various types of literature in class aside from short stories, poetry, articles, and expository texts. Students will identify literary elements and techniques and explore the connection of literary works to historical and societal issues.

#### Independent Reading

Silent sustained reading will take place weekly using personal book selections during homeroom. Students will also be expected to read at home, however, no novel will be assigned to students for the first trimester.

#### Grammar

Students will use Holt McDougal Language Handbook: Additional Practice in Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics in order to refine editing/proofreading skills and learn grammar skills compatible to their grade level.



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### Vocabulary

In order to acquire a broader vocabulary, students will be given weekly spelling tests and vocabulary tests via Holt McDougal Literature: Vocabulary Practice and Tests. Students will also learn SAT vocabulary strategies through context clues, word structure/common word roots, sound clues, dictionary definitions, and sentence completion.

### Behavior Management

#### Upper School Discipline Policy

1. Follow all school and classroom rules (see English/Language Arts Policies and Procedures for classroom rules)
2. Respect yourself, others and all properties
3. Come to school prepared to learn:
  - Be on time for class
  - Bring textbooks and all necessary materials to class
  - Put mobile devices away during class time
4. Dress appropriately (e.g. no short shorts)

#### General Warning and Consequences

1<sup>st</sup> offense: Student receives a warning

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Student writes a reflection paragraph explaining why the incident occurred

3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Parents are notified

4<sup>th</sup> offense: Team conference with parent, student, teacher, and Mr. Trudeau

### Grading and Evaluation

Class Participation	5%
Classwork	20%
Homework	10%
Quizzes	20%
Projects/Tests	45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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### AISM Grading Scale

A+	100 – 97
A	96.9 – 93
A-	92.9 – 90
B+	89.9 – 87
B-	86.9 – 83
B	82.9 – 80
C+	79.9 – 77
C	76.9 – 73
C-	72.9 – 70
D+	69.9 – 67
D	66.9 – 63
D-	62.9 – 60
F	59.9 – 0

### Coursework Help

Study Hall is a required class for grades 8 through 10 offered every Thursday after lunch from 1:00 – 1:45. During this time period, students will be allowed to work on homework or classwork from any course and receive assistance from me or Ms. Johnson. In addition, I will offer a Homework Tutor A.S.A.P. to help students with any English course work they need.

### Late Work Policy

Any assignment whether classwork, homework, projects, etc. received after the assigned date will receive 10% off per day until received by the teacher.

### Absences

Students are responsible for all missed work when they are absent from class. Students can check Jupiter to see what assignments were missed or check with me.

### Academic Honesty

Students found plagiarizing, copying or cheating in any way will receive automatic zeros. Students caught talking during test or quiz time will receive automatic zeros.