English 1-4 Syllabus (2019-20)

School: *Garfield High*

**Garfield High School**

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**Course**:  English 1-4

**Course Description**  
This is a course that focuses on reading and writing skills typical for grades 9-10. Students will read and write every day in class, as well as be required to think critically. While reading is an essential and daily focal point, we will be emphasizing writing and the class will be formatted as a writers’ workshop.

**Expectations and Goals**

You will be required to attend class daily.  If you are absent more than 12 times, you will not be able to receive a passing grade in this course, and will be required to retake the course next quarter. You will also be required to participate in class discussions (online and in class), to attempt/complete work on time, and to be a critical thinker.

Course Materials

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Google Classroom

Various short stories, poems, songs and video clips

**Course Policies**  
School-wide expectations will be enforced in this class including the electronics policy, technology policy, attendance policy, and behavior policy.

**Grading Criteria**

Attendance — See attendance policy below

Mr. Whitsell's GRADES:

40% | Attempt/Completion of daily work

30% | Project(s)/Essay(s)

15% | Common Core Standards: READING

15% | Common Core Standards: WRITING

*Note: to earn an “A” you must be an exceptional student. Exceptional students work at home, after school, and regularly go beyond minimum expectations.*

If you miss a day, please email the teacher for information on missing work, or see the teacher the next day for make-up opportunities. If you miss a day of an in class discussion or other live activity, you will not be able to make up that assignment.

**Technology**  
Students will be required to use technology in this course. Grades will be maintained online at PowerSchool. Please use this program to keep up to date with grades. We may have online writing and class conversations. Please keep in mind that school rules and district policies strictly apply when working online. Any inappropriate digital behavior will have consequences including, but not limited to having ALL technology rights revoked at Garfield.

**English Department Attendance Policy**

* 1-5 absences (excused or unexcused) you have the opportunity to earn an A or B.
* 6-9 absences the best you can do is a C
* 10 or 11 absences = D
* 12  = NC (No Credit)

*Note: two tardies = one absence*

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Parent/Guardian Email

\*I understand the attendance policy for Mr. Whitsell’s class

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Language spoken by parent/guardian (Check one):

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