



Evolutions in the York High English Department

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Talking Points

- The Now
- Our Goals
- What the Future Holds
- New Course Offerings for 2017-2018

Evolutions: What's in Place Now

- **Emphasis on skills**
 - Writing
 - Grammar
 - Literacy
 - Speaking & Listening
- **Streamlined assessment structures**
 - Rubrics
 - PERA
 - Standards-based Grading
- **Advanced College Project Courses**
 - Composition 101 H, Literature 101 H, and Speech 101 H

Final Letter Grade¹: B

Final Percent: 84

Teacher Comments:

Section Description:

In order to help understand your student's grade, I have listed how the final grade for English 9H is calculated with the weights and categories below:

LITERACY (Reading & Writing)

Analysis: (20% 1st semester -- 15% 2nd semester)

Summary: (10% 1st semester -- 5% 2nd semester)

Synthesis: (Diagnostic 1st semester -- 15% 2nd semester)

Development & Organization: (20% 1st semester -- 15% 2nd semester)

Sentence Fluency: (5%)

Diction: (5%)

SPEAKING & LISTENING

Discussion/Presentation: (10%)

Reflection: (5%)

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY

Preparation, Timeliness & Engagement (5%)

The FINAL EXAM is worth 20% each semester.

Due Date	Category	Assignment	Codes	Score	%	Grd
08/15/2015	Academic Support	Student Info Form (Google Form)	▲ ■	10		

08/26/2016	Academic Respon	Skills Progress Journal -- Goals & Plans	✓	--/10		
08/28/2016	Academic Respon	Academic Responsibility Weeks 1-2		8.5/10	85	B
08/29/2016	Academic Respon	Summer Reading Presentation Slide & Write-up	▲	<u>7</u> /10	70	C-
08/30/2016	Academic Respon	Summer Reading Reflection	✓	--		
09/02/2016	Academic Respon	StuCo Debate Notes	✓	--		
09/05/2016	Academic Respon	Independent Reading Book	✓ ▲	--		
09/07/2016	Analysis	Summer Reading Book -- Analysis of Quotations		<u>19.5</u> /25	78	C1
09/16/2016	Summary	Summary Assessment: School Boundaries & Choic		20.5/25	82	B-
09/19/2016	Academic Respon	Ind. Reading Book Quote	✓	--		
09/20/2016	Academic Respon	Ac. Resp. Q1 Interim: Preparedness		9.2/10	92	A-
09/20/2016	Academic Respon	Ac. Resp. Q1 Interim: Engagement		9.2/10	92	A-
09/23/2016	Development & O	Security at the Mall Essay		42.5/50	85	B
09/26/2016	Academic Respon	Raisin Reading Quiz, Act 1		7.5/10	75	C
09/28/2016	Discussion/Prse	Raisin Character Instagram Account Presentati		20.5/25	82	B-
09/30/2016	Discussion/Prse	Raisin Mid-book Discussion		23/25	92	A-
10/03/2016	Reflection	Raisin Mid-book Disc Reflection		23.75/25	95	A
10/07/2016	Academic Respon	Raisin Reading Quiz #2		7.5/10	75	C
10/13/2016	Discussion/Prse	Raisin Final Discussion		47.5/50	95	A
10/14/2016	Academic Respon	Q1 Preparation		8.8/10	88	B1
10/14/2016	Academic Respon	Q1 Engagement		9.2/10	92	A-

Grade stored on 10/20/2016

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Evolutions: Our Goals

- **Collective Efficacy**
 - Building Goals → Department Goals → PLC Goals → Individual Goals → Student Learning
- **Student Growth Goal**
 - Refine and implement a skills spine for grammar, reading, writing, and critical thinking across levels and years
- **Life Readiness Goal**
 - Refine a purposefully sequenced writing program across levels and years

Evolutions: What the Future Holds

- Maximize our students' learning and growth through the expansion of our collective efficacy
- Three important parts:
 - Our Essential Curricular Principles
 - Expected Outcomes for Our Students
 - New Course Offerings for 2017-2018

Evolutions: Our Eight Essential Curricular Principles

The What

1. Common course of rigorous studies for ALL students
2. Alignment
3. Interdisciplinarity

The How

4. Critical Thinking
5. Skills

Habits of Heart and Mind

6. Civic Purpose
7. Collaborative and Accountable Staff
8. A Community Learning

Evolutions: What This Means for Our Students...

- Growth of critical thinking capacities
- Growth of basic and critical skills capacities
- Growth in test scores: SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement
- Growth of argumentation and composition skills
- Growth of personal and economic efficacies

New Courses for 2017-2018

- Technical Writing
 - Student-initiated course proposal
 - Emphasizes STEM-oriented applications for writing
 - Already secured Board approval
 - Seeking dual-credit articulation with College of DuPage
- AP Research
 - Second phase following AP Seminar
 - Emphasizes college research and inquiry skills, as well as STEM-oriented skills
 - Exam partly scored by the instructor