

CLASS OF 2024

WELCOME TO NINTH GRADE

LITERATURE COURSE ORIENTATION

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About being in ninth grade...

As students that will be graduating this school year, you will:

- Probably participate in a civic event
- Choose a graduating theme song
- Choose the person to whom commencement will be dedicated

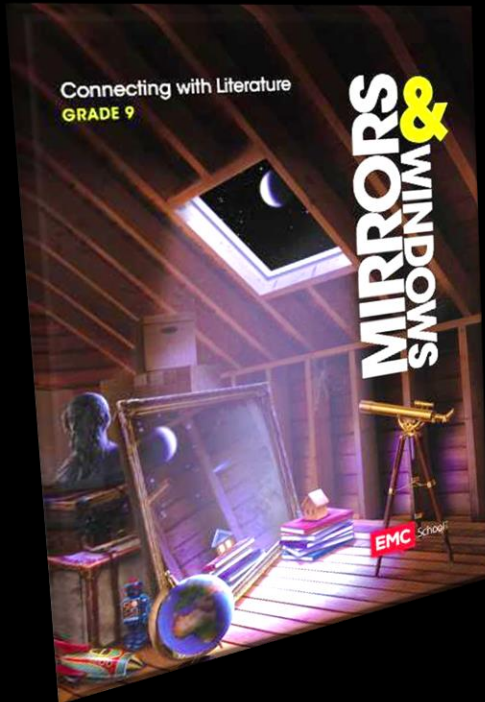


About this course...

The English course that you will be taking this year is a Literature course. Although you'll be reading quite a lot, this is not a Reading course. That, however, doesn't mean you won't be writing some.

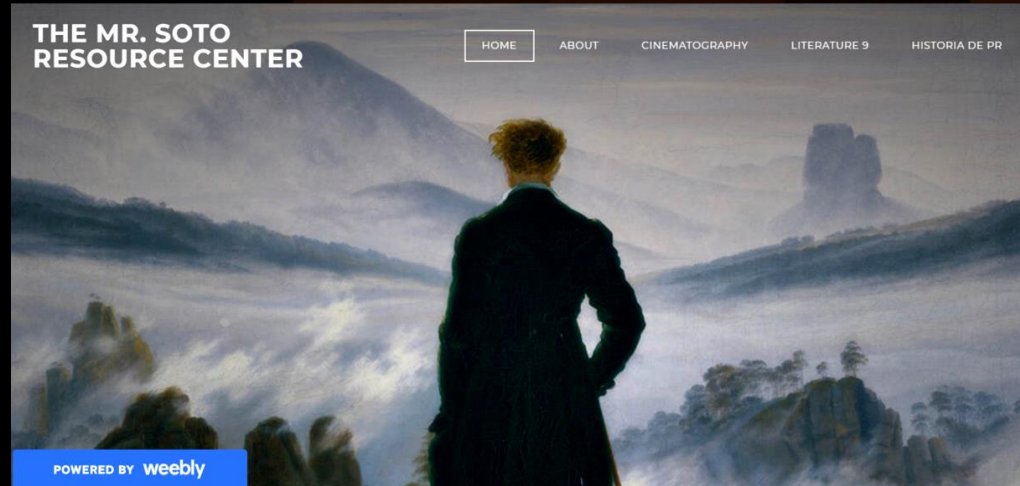


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Program on Passport, 2020,
Carnegie Learning

The Goods



Many course resources such as: lessons, reviews, book lists syllabi, protocols and rubrics can be found in my website, the **Mr. Soto Resource Center** at jimsoto.weebly.com .

Evaluation Criteria

Semestral Point/ Weight Layout

Instrument	points	weight
TESTS (3) x 100 pts. ea.	300 pts.	60%
*DAILYWORK 100 pts. ea.	100 pts.	20%
PROJECT (1) x 100 pts. ea.	100 pts.	20%
△SEMESTER TOTAL PTS.	500 pts.	100%

*Daily work refers to timely attendance / participation / homework

△The second semester project grade will be worth 200 points.

The Law of the Land

- Follow the teacher's directions immediately. Keep me happy and I'll do a better job for you!
- Arrive to class on time. Standing outside the door and taking your sweet time to come in after the bell has begun to ring will constitute a tardy. You must be (or immediately step) **INSIDE** the door when it begins ringing to be counted on time.



The Law of the Land

- Attend to personal needs before class. I have been instructed not to give outdoors passes and to limit passes, so please do not ask for a pass unless you have a **TRUE EMERGENCY**. I won't allow for other students requesting an audience with you to interrupt my class. Neither will I allow for you to leave the classroom to interrupt another class. Don't bother trying. AIN'T. GONNA. HAPPEN!
- Remain in your assigned seat unless you have a very good reason not to.

The Law of the Land

- Any utilization of cellphones is prohibited. No cellphones during class. Period. They must be out of sight as a rule of thumb. In case your parents need to contact you, due to a **REAL EMERGENCY**, they need to follow protocol by calling the school office, not you. The school will decide if it's worth interrupting the class to inform you.
- Never enter the teacher's working area without permission. People's spaces need to be respected.

The Law of the Land

- Dispose of waste properly. Never throw trash on the floor. NEVER. EVER. We have a waste basket here. Use it. Throw your trash away at the end of the period.
- Don't vandalize. Vandalism is retarded. It's also a breach of the Code of Conduct. I've never seen anything that looks better after being scribbled, dented, stained, or broken. Would you look better if those things were done to you?
- Eating, drinking or using cell phones in the classroom is forbidden. As always.

The Law of the Land

- Bring required materials every day unless you are told otherwise. No sharing will be allowed in the classroom. EVER!
- Talk only when appropriate. Be aware of the situation since quiet talking is allowed in some situations and speaking to the entire group without raising your hand may be allowed in others. Step out of line and I will remind you once and expect compliance.
- Use polite speech and body language. Unkind teasing and impolite behavior towards **ANYONE** is unacceptable.

The Law of the Land

○ Regarding testing, all my tests are online tests. The links will always be available at CO's LMS for you to access the tests. However, the tests will be taken on-site. You must have either a tablet or a laptop to take the tests. The school administration has forbidden the use of cellphones during testing. It is the student's responsibility to secure an approved device on the day of a test. You'll have the class's period to submit a test, unless you are entitled to an reasonable accommodation.

The Law of the Land

- Do not cheat. If you do, expect a ZERO, a referral to the Social Worker, and a phone call home. The student who shares his work for a test or an independent assignment AND the person who copies it will suffer the same consequences. Do your own work and to be sure no one can copy it.



Short Film Project

The new improved manual for making the short film project is already available in my website. It will be the team leader's responsibility to begin developing the project with their teammates as soon as the teams are formed. This year's theme will be...

AD ASTRA. (To the Stars)



AD ASTRA

TELLING STORIES THAT DEAL WITH THE IMPACT OF
TAKING OUR HUMANITY TO THE STARS AND/OR HOW
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COSMOS AFFECT HUMANITY
IN THE SMALL BLUE SPHERE WE CALL HOME.

Final Word About this Course

This course can do a lot for you. You can count on my professionalism, experience and good will to help you. However, you need to do your part in order to pass this course. Just keep in mind that the two most important skills anyone can learn at a school are **reading** and **writing**. These are the pillars of a person's education. The rest is secondary. I wish you a great year at Froebel!
Pandemic and all!

