

**Ponoka Secondary Campus
English Language Arts 30-1
Course Syllabus 2020-2021**

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Welcome to English 30-1!

English 30-1 is, in many ways, a continuation of English 20-1 with an emphasis on honing your skills through the study of various works of literature, visual, and media presentations. It consists of five different units, each of which deals with the content, structure and style of the texts in question. In addition, the expectations and workload in this course are demanding in preparation for the 30-1 Departmental, graduation and potentially an educational pursuit at the postsecondary level. As a student enrolled in this course, you should be prepared to work hard, think critically, have an open mind and strive to complete all aspects of the class to the best of your ability.

General Outcomes:

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to:

1. explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences.
2. comprehend literature and other texts in oral, print, visual and multimedia forms, and respond personally, critically and creatively.
3. manage ideas and information.
4. create oral, print, visual and multimedia texts, and enhance the clarity and artistry of communications.

5. respect, support and collaborate with others.

Course Content:

Unit 1: Short Stories

Unit 2: Modern Drama: *A Streetcar Named Desire* - Tennessee Williams
Death of a Salesman - Arthur Miller

Unit 3: Shakespearean Drama: *King Lear*

Unit 4: Novel Study: The Glass Castle OR Mosquito Coast

Unit 5: Film Study: *Goodwill Hunting*

Unit 6: Poetry (dispersed throughout)

Diploma Exam Review

Diploma Exam Dates:

Semester I:

Monday, November 2 - Part A (Written Response)

Wednesday, November 4 - Part B (Reading Comprehension)

*The time frame designated for both parts A & B is 5.5 hours

Evaluation:

Weighting of marks will occur as follows:

Assignments, projects, quizzes	50 %
Unit exams, essays, personal response to texts	50 %

Final Grades will be weighted as Follows:

Term Work	70%
Diploma Exam	30%

Expectations:

1. Respect others at all times in the classroom.
2. English 30-1 is a very demanding course that is required for entrance into all university programs. For this reason, it is expected that all students will devote adequate attention to the course and will keep up with the material and assigned work.
3. Acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated at PSC. Students guilty of plagiarism will receive a grade of zero on the assignment in question.

Exam rewrite policy: *as per school-wide policy in student handbook*

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

1. Students are expected to submit their work in a timely fashion. Any missed assignments or quizzes (due to an excused absence), must be made up by the student before the corresponding unit exam for full marks.
2. Any outstanding assignment after the unit exam is written will be issued a mark no higher than the unit exam mark.
3. Students may re-do assignments that were handed in on time for high grades at the discretion of the teacher.

RE-WRITE POLICY

1. It is expected that students are prepared and present for exams or assessments. Re-writes for exams will be dealt with on an individual basis and as follows:

a) Request to ReWrite Form to be completed, signed by student, teacher and parent

2. The re-write mark is the mark that stands. Re-writes are expected to be completed in a timely fashion and out of course time.

3. IF a student legitimately misses an exam (excused absence), the exam is written on the first day of return of the student or as decided upon in consultation with the Teacher.