

## ELA 9 TEST-OUT INFORMATION

### Semester 1

The test-out for ELA 9 is a portfolio of assessments, the same or similar assessments to what is done during the course. ***You will be completing some of these requirements BEFORE the test-out session and some will be completed DURING the test-out session. Read all instructions carefully.***

Follow all of these instructions. You will have to provide several items PRIOR to the test-out session, as well as complete items *during* the test-out session. Failure to complete any of these assessments will result in failure on the ELA 1 Semester 1 test-out. **All documents you will complete must be accessible in your Google Drive at all times.**

\*You must complete all unit assessments to be graded and considered for receiving credit.

**Proper MLA headings and formatting are required on all papers!**

#### ☐ UNIT 1

1. Personal Narrative: Provide a Personal Narrative that meets the requirements of the grading rubric provided. You must receive a grade of C or better according to the rubric. You must submit your paper **before the test-out day** to turnitin.com (see below). You will also have to submit your paper to Google Classroom on the test-out day.

[Personal Narrative Grading Rubric 75 points](#)

#### ☐ Unit 2

##### **Argument Essay**

Examine the instructions below. You must submit your paper **before the test-out day** to turnitin.com (see below). You will also have to submit your paper to Google Classroom on the test-out day.

[Argument Essay Instructions](#)  
[Argument Essay Grading Rubric 50 points](#)

#### ☐ Unit 3

##### **Short Story Unit**

1. **During the test-out session**, you must write a short story. You will write the story at the test-out session. You must be prepared to write using the rubric requirements. Examine the rubric below.

**[Final Short Short Story Rubric](#) 47 points**  
**(Story must only be completed DURING the test-out session)**

Your story must have proper MLA heading and page numbers, 12 pt., Times New Roman font.

Before submitting your short story DURING the test-out session, follow the guidelines on Page 2 to highlight and comment on your poem.

Page 2: [Highlighting on Final](#) Short Story (to be done during the test-out session. Do not do this before the test-out session) 35 points

2. You must write an essay on one of the following short stories **DURING** the test-out session.

Read any of the following stories in preparation: "[The, Bass, the River, and Shiela Mani](#)" or "[The Secret Life of Walter Mitty](#)"

You will be asked to write an essay, using one of the stories above, in response to the following prompt: *The theme of a short story is the central idea or message that it delivers about people or people's life experiences. Discuss HOW the short story author uses characterization to develop the theme in their story.*

Examine the rubric for your final essay: [Short Story Essay Rubric](#)

Again, you must complete this essay assignment DURING the test-out session.

☐ **UNIT 4**

Independent Novel Study: You must complete the independent novel packet provided, and it must achieve a C or better.

You need: a fiction book of your choice; a minimum of 200 pages

You must submit your project, **before the test-out day**, to turnitin.com (see below). You will also have to submit your paper to google classroom on the test-out day.

[Independent Novel Project Instructions](#)

[Independent Novel Project Grading Rubric 50 points](#)

\*You may borrow the book *Lord of the Flies* from the Media Center to complete this assignment if you do not have access to a book of your choice.

☐ **Unit 5 Grammar**

- You will take two tests DURING the test-out session, testing your knowledge of the grammatical concepts all 9th graders are learning throughout the semester. This semester, you will be tested on the following concepts associated with the **8 parts of speech and simple sentences**. You will be given the same 10-20-question quiz

that every 9th grader receives.

You must know and understand: the definition and be able to identify the 8 parts of speech, and the definition and parts of a simple sentence.

**\*\*Information for submitting your work due PRIOR to arriving at the test out session to turnitin.com.** Go to turnitin.com. Create an account or sign in to your existing account. Use the following information to add the class for a test-out student.

Class ID: 49358826

Enrollment Key: english

**In summary**, to complete the test out and be eligible for grading for ELA 9, semester 1, you must:

1. Complete a personal narrative and submit it to turnitin.com **PRIOR** to the test-out session.
2. Write an argumentative essay on Lab-grown Meat and submit it to turnitin.com **PRIOR** to the test-out session.
3. Complete the independent novel project and submit it to turnitin.com **PRIOR** to the test-out session.
4. **During the test-out session**, you will fully type an essay on your chosen short story.
5. **During the test-out session**, complete and highlight a short story meeting the standards on the rubric.
6. **During the test-out session**, complete 2 10-20-question quizzes on the 8 parts of speech and simple sentences.

Here is another checklist, in case you want to double-check what you are required to do to be graded for this test-out exam. [Summary of ELA 9 Test-Out Requirements](#)