



# ADVANCED ENGLISH A

## Literature and Composition

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### SUPPLIES TO BRING EVERY TIME

- Folder
- Notebook/Binder
- Pen/Pencil
- Highlighter

### WORK

Must complete 80% of Homework & Class Projects to be considered eligible for progression to Level B.

\*\*Completion does not guarantee progression. Quality and effort also play a factor.

### CLASS RULES

- Be on time and ready to learn with your supplies.
- Be respectful of classmates, teachers, and property.
- Be kind, polite, and courteous to others.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Water or other covered drinks are allowed.

### ABOUT THE COURSE

Welcome to Advanced English A!

In this class, we will explore the basics of grammar, expand our vocabulary, and learn how to analyze literature. We will discuss important literary terms and elements of a story, such as setting, plot, theme, and characters.

Our journey will also include reading and understanding poetry and working on a special project about "The Hero's Journey." We will have in-class reviews & quizzes, projects (creative and analysis), presentations, and homework to help us practice and improve. You will get to read stories spanning from mystery to comedy and learn how to write 5-paragraph essays to show your understanding and creativity.

The class will move at a pace that matches how well everyone is doing with the materials. Since our class has students from both 5th and 6th grades, we will consider different factors when checking progress. I want you to leave this class ready to excel and have confidence in your writing.

Participation is a big part of our class, and everyone is encouraged to join in the activities. Homework is important and will be posted on the SchoolNova website.

Let's have a great time learning and growing together!

### PHONES AND DEVICES

Phones & personal devices need to be stored out of sight unless teacher permission has been given to be used for academic purposes.

Laptop/Chromebooks will be allowed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Ms. Martocello prior to bringing it to class.

### FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR TEACHER

- This is my 5th year with SchoolNova!
- Halloween is my favorite holiday - last year, I dressed up as Miss Frizzle, a personal favorite.
- I love animals, and I have a husky mix named Milo, named after a character in one of my favorite movies.
- I'm the youngest of my siblings.
- My favorite book series are Chronicles of Narnia and Goosebumps.
- My favorite sport is soccer and I follow Gotham FC and Manchester United.
- My favorite movie is The Princess Bride.



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## FAQ *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **How can I get in touch with you?**

Email me at [martocello@schoolnova.org](mailto:martocello@schoolnova.org) - I will respond within 24 hours.

### **Do I need to be in Grades 5/6 to join?**

5th grade is the minimum grade level requirement, but you can reach out to me directly if you have questions about your student.

### **What if I'm absent?**

If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to obtain and communicate with the teacher about makeup work. Work will be posted on the SchoolNova Website. If you are absent during a presentation day, be prepared to present your first day back.

### **What if I have an issue with an assignment/need accommodations?**

If you need an extension or other modification for an assignment (typed vs written, larger fonts in print outs, etc.) please let me know ahead of the due date or at the beginning of the term.

### **Why do I need to type most of my assignments?**

To help me grade easily, items that are assigned for home are to be typed and handed in digitally. Packets and worksheets distributed in class are, of course, the exceptions.

### **Can I repeat the class?**

Absolutely! I always try to make the class a bit different each year so while the main projects may be the same, the stories will be different.

### **Why is there a ghost?**

For fun! My favorite holiday is Halloween, and each class gets a "mascot" both for fun and to help me keep track of the different classes. Your job, however, is to help me name them.

*Don't see your question? My email is always open for questions/concerns from students and parents alike.*

**I look forward to all the things to come this year!**

## NEED HELP?

If you are struggling, or need help in class, PLEASE do not sit there and do nothing about it. Let's get you what you need to get caught up! Email me or talk to me before/after class. Let me know what you are struggling or overwhelmed with and I can offer you suggestions and solutions.

## HELPFUL WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

- [pbslearningmedia.org](http://pbslearningmedia.org)
- [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org)
- [ReadWriteThink](http://ReadWriteThink)
- [BrainPop.com](http://BrainPop.com)
- [Ted Ed](http://Ted Ed)