



McCreary School

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**Reading is Thinking
(35S)**

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Code: 0788
Value Credit: 0.5
Duration: Semester 1
Classroom: Room 14
Prerequisites: None

SUPPLIES

- 3 ringed binder
- Pens, Pencils, & Erasers
- 1 Package of Loose Leaf
- Glue, Scissors, & Highlighters
- Colouring Utensil

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Throughout this semester, students are going to develop the necessary attitudes, knowledge, skills, and strategies to be successful in their learning across curriculum. Students will attempt to develop how they learn as a reader and apply that knowledge throughout their educational journey.

YEARLY PLAN SUMMARY (TENTATIVE)

Timeline	Unit & Topic
September	ELA Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This unit will cover basic skills necessary for ELA. We will cover topics such as presentations, understanding basic reading skills, how to view symbols, etc.
October	Identity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throughout this unit, students will focus on how they relate to the rest of the world. They will use different mediums of text to explain how it shapes who they are.
November	Media Awareness: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the media awareness unit, students will look through the different messages they receive from different media outlets and attempt to understand how this shapes their understanding of the world.
December	Current Issues in the World Today <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throughout this unit, students will be examining current issues in the world today. Students will be looking at contemporary issues through different mediums in order to develop their global understanding as well as their empathy skills.
January	Final Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dragon's Den

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

Reading is thinking is designated as a Complete or Incomplete course (Co/In). Throughout the semester, students will be given an opportunity to complete the assigned topics for a complete/incomplete grade.

In order to receive your credit, every assignment must receive a “complete” mark. A complete or incomplete mark will be based on the teacher’s discretion whether or not the assignment was completed to a “complete” standard.

There will not be an exam on this course; there will be final project. The final project will be graded based on a rubric provided at a later date.

**** Students will receive a variety of assignments designated for assessment. These will include (but are not limited to) written, verbal, and group assignments. Students will be marked on whether they met the expectations regarding the assignment. ****

BEHAVIOURAL ASSESSMENT

Students will receive a letter grade on their report cards for the following:

- *Personal Management*: Uses class time effectively; works independently; completes homework and assignments on time.
- *Active Participation in Learning*: Participates in class activities; sets learning goals.
- *Social Responsibility*: Works well with others; resolves conflicts appropriately; respects self, others and environment; contributes in a positive way.

RE-SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS

Due to this course being a complete/incomplete course, students will be allowed to resubmit assignments throughout the semester that they receive an “incomplete” on. This allows students to grow from their mistakes in order to grow as a writer/ELA learner. The following procedure will take place in order for a student to resubmit an assignment:

- The student may only resubmit assignments when it is written by hand (even if the original assignment was typed).
- They must also resubmit the original assignment.
- They must highlight the changes they have made from their original assignment (they cannot say they “changed everything” and highlight the whole assignment, they have to be specific as to what they changed – i.e., capital letters).

**** It should be noted that resubmitting the assignment does not guarantee a “complete” mark on the assignment****

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

Daily Classroom Expectations: Show up to class on time, with all your supplies, and use class time effectively. Take responsibility for your learning by completing all assigned work and being proactive rather than reactive.

Homework: You won't have homework every night, but when it is assigned, it is expected to be completed on time.

Absent: If you are absent, please connect with me to find out what you missed. You are also responsible for making up all missed work.

Extra Help: Extra help will always be available when you need it. I am generally available before and after school, as well as at lunch hour. Please make arrangements with me if this is something you are needing.

Technology in the Classroom: Students are encouraged to bring their school provided laptop with them to school every day. Cell phones will not be permitted during class time. Improper use of technology may result in a loss of certain privileges.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to inappropriate collaboration, plagiarism, and cheating is a severe offence and will be dealt with according to the policy outlined in the school handbook.

Late Policy: Work is to be completed on time and to the best of the student's ability. Late or missing assignments will be penalized as outlined in the school student handbook, "Upon teacher discretion a maximum of 5% may be deducted for every day the assignment is not turned in. If the assignment is not turned in after two weeks or at the start of a new unit, the assignment will receive a mark of zero." Or in this case, an "incomplete" mark.