

**Bur Oak Secondary School**  
**Grade 9 Academic English**  
**ENG 1D1**

**Course Description**

This course will emphasize teen social issues. This focus will be developed through reading, writing, oral communication (listening and speaking), research, and critical thinking skills. Students will especially examine the influence of media on their lives and will be expected to use their digital skills to create media works.

Students will also be expected to keep a reading journal throughout the course and participate in a variety of activities, including presentations, grammar tests, online tasks, and book clubs. A key task is the inquiry essay, which will guide each student's thinking throughout the course. This task will be submitted twice – once at midterm and then again toward the end of the course – to give students an opportunity to produce their best work.

**Weighting**

Critical Term Work	70%
Knowledge & Understanding	15%
Thinking	20%
Communication	20%
Application	15%
Final Evaluation	30%
Culminating Event (P.S.A.)	10%
Written Examination	20%

Tasks	Weighting
Inquiry Essay	3
Poetry Task	2
Podcast	2
Book Club Discussions	2
Polished Response	1
Reading Journal	1
Tests and Quizzes	1