



WELCOME TO IITH GRADE ELA!

PARK SLOPE COLLEGIATE 2025-26



Hello and welcome!

We are so excited to have you in our class. This is going to be a great year of reading, discussion, debate, storytelling, and so much more. We'll be tackling *The Odyssey*, reading modern classics, producing an entire play with the Atlantic Theater Company, and more.

You will also be taking the New York State Regents exam in January. We'll work on those skills you need all through the year, and then work hard on test prep when it gets closer.

We will also post resources, materials, and assignments on our Google Classroom page. Families, if you need help getting on to Google Classroom, please reach out and we can help you!

Please feel free to reach out by email whenever you have questions or concerns.

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We are looking forward to a great school year!

Ms. King & Ms. Duncan

SUPPLIES

Here's what you will need to have for ELA:

- ☐ A dedicated folder for ELA
- ☐ Pencil/pen (**Please try to bring your own!** We run out fast.)
- ☐ Independent reading book (Bring your own or take one from our library!)

You will also be provided with a hanging folder in class to store materials.

HOMEWORK

- ☐ Most of our work will be completed in class. If you do not complete it in class or if you miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to complete it.
- ☐ Students need to be working on their independent quests (details on handout) at least twice a week outside of class. A log of this IQ work is turned in each marking period.



GRADING BREAKDOWN

Category 1: Formative Assessments + Classwork (30%)

This grade will cover our smaller assignments as we work through a text or a project. This will also include daily classwork, our IQ logs each marking period, and grammar and vocab assignments.

Category 2: Writing Responses (35%)

This grade will be based on the day-to-day medium-sized writing assignments in which students practice the literacy skills they have learned. Generally, these can be finished in class but may need to be completed at home occasionally.

Category 3: Essays and Major Assignments (35%)

In these assignments, students will explore and expand upon a topic using analysis and critical thinking. These will be larger scale assignments and will demonstrate the skills and understanding that the students have worked on in that unit.

Major assignments will vary depending on the unit, but they are always the project that we are working toward in the unit. This grade includes turning in, editing, and polishing drafts throughout the process.



IITH GRADE ELA ROADMAP 2025-26

Major Units

Unit 1: Homer's *The Odyssey*

Unit 2: Jesmyn Ward's *Sing, Unburied Sing*

Unit 3: American Known and Unknown: Short Stories + Argument / Regents Prep

Unit 4: Atlantic Theater Company: Reading, Writing, Staging, Performing

Unit 5: Memoir + the College Essay

Mini Units

High-Leverage Grammar and Vocabulary



