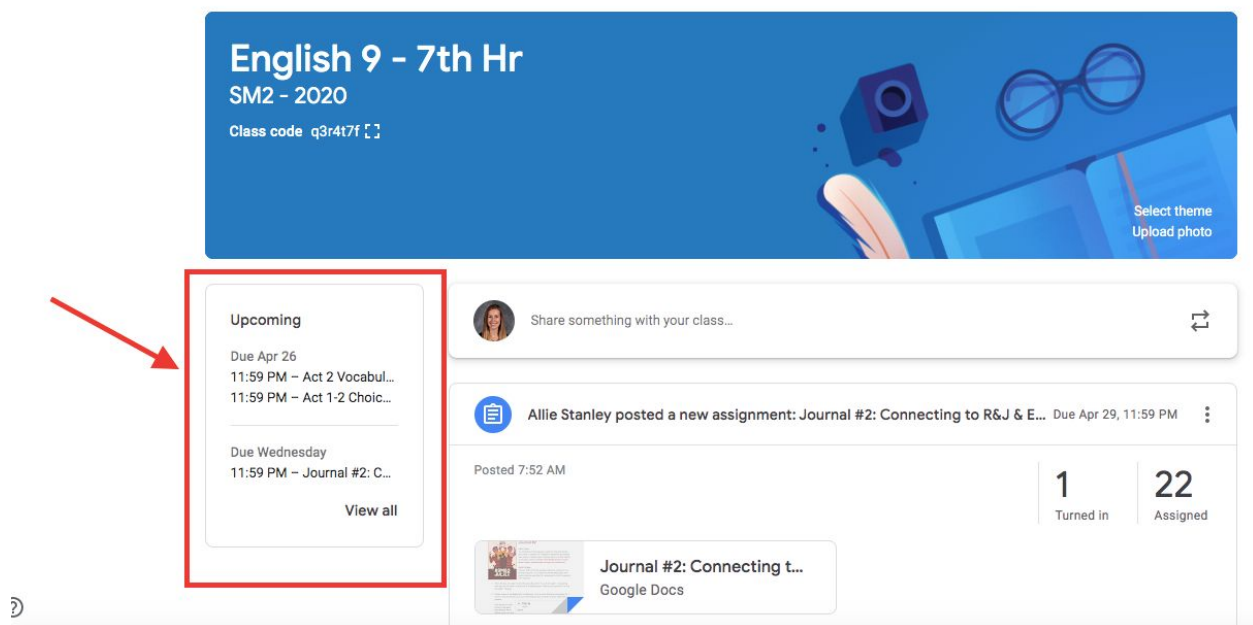


Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) from Week 1 of ELA 9 Remote Learning

GOOGLE CLASSROOM & ORGANIZATION:

How can I stay organized and keep all of my assignments and due dates straight?

- ★ Always go to the Week's **GOOGLE SLIDES FIRST**. Slide 3 of each presentation posted for the week has a week in preview showing when a lesson will be posted and when homework is due.
- ★ Each **ASSIGNMENT** will be posted in the **Google Classroom** stream. **Turn in your work on Google Classroom.**
- ★ However, don't forget that Google Classroom has a nifty tool that reminds you of upcoming assignments, which you can view from the "Stream" tab:



- ★ My next recommendation to staying organized and on top of your assignment due dates (for all classes) is to **use a calendar, planner, or agenda**. This can be a physical/paper planner to write down due dates, or a digital calendar, like Google Calendar.

- If you're someone who finds themselves often forgetting about due dates, I suggest going with Google Calendar because you can schedule your Google Calendar so that your computer or phone alerts you (via email or pop up alert) when something is due or getting close to being due. Other tools readily available for you include Google Tasks and Google Keep.
- **Helpful Organization Tips & Tutorials from the Internet:**
 - [How to Create Tasks on Google Calendar](#)
 - [How to Use Google Calendar as Your Homework Planner](#)
 - [Full Tutorial of Google Calendar](#)
 - [Online and Remote Learning: Tips for Students with ADHD](#) from The Learning Center

TIME MANAGEMENT & ENGAGEMENT:

- ★ If you can, **follow the schedule below**. This gives you about **an hour of work time per class**, divided between two days. Wednesday is scheduled as a day to catch up to finish assignments that may be due that day.
- ★ ELA 9 is designed with **TWO 1-HOUR LESSONS per WEEK**. Lesson #1 will always be **due Wednesdays at midnight**. Lesson #2 will always be **due Sundays at midnight**.

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday		Friday	
Subject	Time	Subject	Time	Subject	Subject	Time	Subject	Time
1st hour	9:00-9:30	4th hour	9:00-9:30	Teacher Office Hours	1st hour	9:00-9:30	4th hour	9:00-9:30
2nd hour	10:00-10:30	5th hour	10:00-10:30		2nd hour	10:00-10:30	5th hour	10:00-10:30
3rd hour	11:00-11:30	6th hour	11:00-11:30		3rd hour	11:00-11:30	6th hour	11:00-11:30
		7th Hour	11:30-12:00				7th Hour	11:30-12:00

- ★ Make sure to **take breaks** so you can stay engaged. **Find a space** that works for you to do your work with uninterrupted focus. This will help keep you on track.

Will we get a chart for Zoom meeting times?

- ★ Zoom is where teachers will hold **OPTIONAL OFFICE HOURS**. Below is the schedule of when each department hosts their Zoom Office Hours on Wednesday

8:00am - 9:00am	Aviation
9:00am-10:00am	Math
10:00am-11:00am	English
11:00am-12:00pm	World Language - Spanish
12:00pm-1:00pm	Social Studies
1:00pm-2:00pm	Science
2:00pm-3:00pm	Engineering

- ★ For ELA 9 / the English Department, Zoom Office Hours are from 10:00 am - 11:00 am on Wednesdays. You can sign up to meet with me for Office Hours by filling out the Google Form in Google Classroom.
- ★ Right now, there are **no mandatory full class meetings on ZOOM for ELA 9**. Individual teachers will let you know if they have this planned.

ELA CURRICULUM:

Will there be quizzes or tests in ELA 9?

- ★ There may be a few quizzes in ELA 9 over literary terms, but they will be open-note and formatted on a Google Form.
- ★ **NO TESTS IN ELA 9!**
- ★ **NO VOCAB TEST IN ELA 9!**

Will ELA 9 have a final exam?

- ★ **NO STANDARD MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAM IN ELA 9!**
- ★ Your Choice Reading Conference will serve as the final culminating project of this course. It will **NOT** count for 20% of your overall grade on its own, but it will still be an **important and big grade**, so keep working hard at it!

What if I'm confused while reading *Romeo & Juliet*?

- ★ If you're feeling confused, **try watching the play or clips of it first**, then going back to read it. On the document in our GoogleClassroom posts (and linked on each reading assignment) there are lots of links to video clips. Take a look at that to hear and see the action before diving into the text.
- ★ Spark notes is another great resource. **Read summaries before reading the full text.** This will give you a big picture to put all the little details into. If you're really feeling stuck, come to Office Hours for help.

What's after *Romeo and Juliet*?

- ★ **Check out the document linked below** for a basic overview of the rest of the semester!

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B0mtU-nliKYxHlecH1cAUApve_RsYLvPKrvcqSLUGtg/edit?usp=sharing

★ In weeks 3-4, we'll finish *Romeo and Juliet*.

★ In weeks 5-7, we'll focus on Choice Reading!

Once I finish my choice book that I currently have from school, what should I do?

★ Find another book!

- If you have books in your home that you want to read, you can start there.
- Another option is to find an e-book or audiobook from one of these free online resources:

★ WHERE or HOW to find another book:

- The Kent District Libraries are letting you [register](#) for a library card online. You can then check out eBooks and audiobooks (all free!). You can download the Cloud Library app onto your phone, login to the Kent Library account you made online, and start reading! ([More instructions here.](#))
- [Hoopla App](#) - Free download for your smart device and allows you to access audio books with your Kent District Library card on your phone, tablet, or Chromebook!
- [Audible Stories](#)- Free audiobook listening while schools are out! (major deal! - normally \$15/mo!)
- [Libby App](#) - Free download for your phone or tablet. Depending on your library card (Grand Rapids Public is a part of it), you can access free ebooks and audiobooks and other resources online.
- Other online databases with free ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and documentaries:
 - a. [Gutenberg](#)
 - b. [OpenCulture](#)

What will Choice Reading Conferences look like?

- ★ Choice Reading Conferences will still happen, so you should still **KEEP READING independently as much as possible.**
- ★ Keep working towards the personal reading goals you set for yourself in January.
- ★ As a bare minimum, each student is expected to finish reading one (1) choice book outside of any book they are reading for classes (so *Romeo and Juliet* does not count; a book you're reading for AHL also does not count as your minimum of 1 book read. *An AHL book *can* be a part of your choice reading experience, but should not be the only book.)
- ★ Since we cannot meet in person to have the Choice Reading Conferences, you will need to **record yourself presenting your claim, evidence, and reasoning for the grade**

you think you've earned for this project. It will be very similar to what we did last semester; it just won't be live. You will have the opportunity to **practice** this presentation and record yourself speaking as many times as you need before uploading your video to Flipgrid. (I will release more materials, instructions, tips, and tutorials for all of this around Week 4.)