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Course Description

The focus of English 11 is American Literature and its effects on each of us, on our country, and on our society. Using American Literature, we will further developing writing skills, speaking and listening skills, and reading skills. As a subject of study in secondary schools, English is not a content-based course in which you memorize facts, plot, characters, and settings in novels. English is a skills-based course in which you are graded on how well you can analytically write and discuss thematic elements of the books, their characters, and their overall effects. This requires practice. A lot of practice.

Required Supplies:

1. Writing utensil every class period (pen or pencil is fine)
2. Pocket-folder to transport homework and other papers
3. 1-inch binder to be kept in class with lined paper
4. Composition notebook to be kept in class

Textbook Information:

Textbooks and novels will be kept in class. Students needing to make up work in a textbook must do so by coming in after school and using the book in the classroom. Students needing to make up work in a novel may check out a novel, but are heavily fined for not returning it and also have the option of coming in after school to work.

NOVELS

Novels we will be reading this year include *Black Like Me*, *The Crucible*, *Huckleberry Finn*, and *The Great Gatsby*. Students will also be required to choose one outside novel or reading that is at least 200 pages long for term projects. Term projects vary per term and are included on the course syllabus.

Make Up Work:

Make-up work will be accepted for verified absences only, including tests and quizzes. A student has one week to make up work resulting from a verified absence. However, some assignments may not be turned in after the due date for full credit regardless of circumstance. These will be defined by the teacher and include term projects, monthly writing, and term essays. According to district policy, no work will be accepted for unverified absences. Absences must be verified with the attendance office within two days.

Late Work

Late work is not regularly accepted. A student may use one grace card to turn in a late assignment except in the case of monthly writings, term projects, and term essays.

Homework

Students are expected to read outside of class. Term projects, monthly writing assignments, and term essays are homework for students. Daily assignments will be completed in class, and students will be given additional reading time in class. If scheduled properly by each individual, students should not have more than 20 minutes of English homework per night, including reading.

HOMEWORK

When scheduled properly, homework shouldn't take students longer than 20 minutes per day, including reading time. Students will have monthly writing assignments as well as term essays and one novel project. Some reading and writing time will be given in class.

Grades

A 94-100%

A- 90-93%

B+ 87-89%

B 84-86%

B- 80-83%

C+ 77-79%

C 74-76%

C- 70-73%

D+ 67-69%

D 64-66%

D- 60-63%

F Below 60%

Extra Credit

There are occasional extra credit opportunities, but extra credit should not be viewed as expected or necessary. Extra points may be given.

Weighting of Assignments

All assignments are given a point value. A student's grade is determined by the number of points he or she has earned out of the total points possible.

Participation, Preparation, & Citizenship

Students are expected to participate in class, either under whole group, small group, or learning partner discussion. Students are expected to be prepared to participate in class. Students are also expected to be respectful in class, realize they are there to learn, and remain on-task at all times. Students are also expected to do their best every day. Violent, disrespectful, disruptive, and defiant behaviors are unacceptable in the classroom. Disruption of your own and/or others' learning will result in a drop in citizenship.

Tardies & Sluffs

The teacher will follow the district and school policy on citizenship grades.

3 Tardies = N

4 Tardies = U

3 Unverified Absences = U

Classroom Rules

1. BE RESPECTFUL NO MATTER WHAT

Consequences

1. **Communication:** Verbal warning (2)
2. **Contracts:** As directed by the teacher
3. **Consultations:** Student/teacher/parent consultation.
4. **Referral:** Administrative referral.

CITIZENSHIP POINTS SYSTEM

0-1: H

2-4: G

5-7: S

8-9: N

10+: U

Verbal warning (2) = 1 point

Contract = 3 points

Consultation = 5 points

Referral = 8 points

3 Tardies = 8 points

4 Tardies = 10 points

3 Unverified Absences = 10 points

USING A HALL PASS

Students should not be regularly using a hall pass to get drinks, go to the bathroom, or visit vending machines because the goal is to have students learn, and that is something they cannot do if they are not in class. As such, hall passes will be limited. Also to help prepare students for a college and career atmosphere, students will not be allowed a hall pass at any time during tests and quizzes and are expected to act appropriately during tests and quizzes.