Welcome to English I

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*The most effective way to contact me is by email. I do my best to respond to all emails on the same day.*

**Course Overview**: This course is focused on improving skills in reading and analysis of literature and informational texts, writing, speaking and listening through a survey of American and world literature. This is a writing comprehensive class. Students will be engaged in multiple writing styles, including argumentative, expository and narrative. Short writing pieces, such as journals and quick-writes, are a part of our daily activities. Additionally, we will work on longer essays and research papers.

**Required materials:**

Composition book, loose lined paper; Pencils and pens; School issued laptop and charger.

**Homework:** Students will have reading and other assignments to complete outside of class. All homework should be turned in at the beginning of class on the due date in the basket for that class period.

**Grading** – The course grades will be earned through assignments, participation, reflection and collaboration with peers. Work must be completed on time.

GCS operates on a 10-point grading scale:

A (100-90)

B (89-80)

C (79-70)

D (69-60)

Assignments for this course will be graded on the following scale:

Tests/projects/papers 40%

Quizzes 25%

Classwork 25%

Homework 10%

**Class Policies**:

* **Late work / Make-up work policy**

Students will be allowed to submit late assignments up to three (3) school days after an assignment deadline without penalty.

There will be a 10-point deduction per school day for any late assignment submitted after the first three (3) school days, **not to exceed 40 points deducted.**

Students will be granted one (1) late assignment pass per quarter to be used for any late assignment without penalty.

*It is the student’s responsibility to get the work they missed due to absence. I will NOT chase you down to give you make up work. Please see me before or after class, do not ask me what you missed during class as there is much going on during this time.*

**STUDENT TARDY POLICY -** Students are encouraged to arrive to school on-time and attend all classes as scheduled to ensure the best opportunity for academic success.

Teachers will keep a record of tardies on a log and in PowerSchool with the following consequences.

1st and 2nd Tardy: Warning Parent Contact

3rd Tardy:   1 D-Hall

6th Tardy:   1 Day ISS

9th Tardy:   2 Day ISS

12th Tardy: 3 Day ISS + Parent Meeting & Attendance Contract

**Leaving the room**: According to school policy students are not allowed out of a classroom during the first 10-minutes or last 10-minutes of any class. Additionally, there are appropriate and inappropriate times to leave class. Inappropriate times include when I am giving instruction or direction, during whole-class discussion, or during presentations. When leaving the room, the student must sign out on the sheet by the door and carry the hall pass.

**Cell phones/other electronic devices:** Cell phones and other devices are allowed ONLY when allowed by the teacher for the purpose of the lesson in class. Students may not use a phone or device in class at any time other than when allowed by the teacher. The first time a student has a phone or device out during class I will give a verbal warning to put the item away. Further violations will result in my confiscating and holding the phone for the remainder of that class period. Charging a phone or device is only allowed when approved by the teacher for the purpose of the lesson in class. Students may not access any personal electronic devices during any test or quiz.  **Students accessing a device during test or quiz will receive a zero on the test or quiz and be referred to an administrator.  There will be no make-up test or quiz.**

**Cheating policy:**

* + Cheating is defined as - Taking credit for someone else's ideas - sharing information with peers, getting information from outside sources without acknowledgement including online resources -  is considered as cheating and will result in a zero and referred to an administrator (as defined in the GCS handbook).  Examples are:  photographs of tests or assessments; assessment materials; sending or receiving texts, emails, or any other social media or electronic communication.

**Class Expectations**:Students will strive to improve their skills as a reader, a writer, a listener and a speaker. It is my role to guide students through this process, but I expect students to be active participants in that process as well. I expect all students to cultivate of all of these skills to the best of their ability.

1. *Be FOCUSED*: Learning English is our goal every single day. There are no “free” days, breaks or movie days. Students are expected to focus on the task(s) at hand. All technology is to be put away for the entire class unless told otherwise.
2. *Be RESPECTFUL:* Students should respect Mrs. Kramp, other teachers and other classmates. This means raising a hand to speak, not talking while others are talking, and being aware of the manner in which they address others (tone of voice, rudeness, attitude, etc.). This class involves a lot of discussion, occasionally concerning sensitive issues. There is not always a right and wrong answer in literary analysis. Everyone’s input is important and must be respected.
3. *Be DETERMINED:*  You MUST do your work to be successful. This means completing all homework, participating and engaging during class, and studying outside of class.

***Mistakes are proof that you are trying. This is how we learn****.*

1. Be PREPARED: Come to class with your paper, the text we are reading, and a writing instrument as well as any other needed supplies. Come to class with all assignments completed. Pay attention to important dates and upcoming tests/quizzes. Come with a positive attitude. Remember that struggling often means learning. Come ready to help others. Come to class on time.

**Technology**: Students are expected to register and join online class resources.

**Remind:** This is a communication tool for teachers, students and parents. Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share important updates and reminders with students & parents. Subscribe by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. Teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs.

**Powerschool/Student Portal**: You should regularly access PowerSchool to monitor your grades and any missing assignments.

**Canvas:** We will regularly use Canvas for our classwork and assignments.