

This English class is designed to help students improve their skills in writing and reading. It is a writing comprehensive class in addition to continued exposure to a variety of texts from ancient to modern and contemporary literature from around the world. There will be a state-mandated End of Course Exam at the end of this course.

**WGHS Classroom Rules:** Enter the classroom quietly, promptly, and ready to engage. Respect yourself, others, and property. Be prepared with all necessary materials.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

- “Out of Sight, Out of Sound during class.”
- All Cell phones must be turned off and put away during class.
- Electronic devices may **ONLY** be used for instructional purposes as directed by content area teacher and during class changes and /or lunch.
- Students are not allowed to answer the phone, text, or check the phone at any point during class.
- Parents/guardians or family members must contact the main office and/or a designated school official to contact a student during instructional time.
- Students who bring electronic devices to school are responsible for the items if damaged and/or stolen.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICE STEPS**

1<sup>st</sup> offense: Verbal warning

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: The student’s device is taken and returned to the student at the end of the class period. Parent/guardian contacted.

3<sup>rd</sup> offense: The student’s device is taken, given to the front office, and returned at the end of the school day to the student. Parent/guardian contacted. Students will be required to sign the Electronic Release Form in the main office.

4<sup>th</sup> offense: The student’s device is taken and given to the front office. Parent/guardian contacted. Parents are required to pick up the student’s device from the main office and sign the Electronic Release Form.

**Required Materials:** a 3-ring binder, paper (college-ruled), blue or black pens, pencils, hi-lighter, composition notebook

**Grades:** 50% - Tests, Projects, Essays  
25% - Classwork  
25% - Quizzes

**Grading Scale:** A:100-93 B: 85-92 C: 84-77 D: 76-70 F: 69-0

**Missing/Late Work:** WGHS policy dictates that every day an assignment is late, the highest possible grade will decrease by one letter grade (15 points). Late work will **not** be accepted after three days, and students will **not** be given the opportunity to make up missing work at the end of the marking period. The grade for partially completed work turned in late will be adjusted accordingly. If you receive a zero on an assignment it means, I do not have it or it was more than three days late.

### **Major Dates:**

1st Quarter- October 28 - 1st Grading Period Ends  
November 9 - Report Cards to Students

2nd Quarter-January 24 - 2nd Grading Period Ends  
February 2 - Report Cards to Students

3rd Quarter - March 30 - 3rd Grading Period Ends  
April 17 - Report Cards to Students

4th Quarter

June 9 - 4th Grading Period Ends

\* Report cards are mailed to students after 4th quarter

**Online Expectations:** As a requirement for our curriculum, students will be expected to utilize certain websites. Internet will be necessary for these, so if this will be problematic, Ms. Jackson should be notified in advance.

**Acceleration:**

Acceleration is offered as intervention at the end of each quarter to any student who is failing a course. Students may recover a passing grade of a "D" (60) by completing 100 % of the acceleration assignment with an overall average no lower than 60 within the quarterly acceleration time frame. At the end of each quarter, students who have not achieved mastery will be placed on a Personal Educational Plan. The English Department will prepare a recovery packet to support the learning and recovery experience.

**Test day:** Major tests will be administered on Wednesdays for English courses. This excludes projects, essays, and quizzes. There are no retests per English department policy.

**Tutoring:** I am available for tutoring by appointment August – October. I am available for tutoring on Tuesdays from 3:55-4:55 October – June.

**Communication:** The best way to reach me is through email: [terwile@gcsnc.com](mailto:terwile@gcsnc.com)

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT HONOR CODE**

Academic integrity is essential to every learning community. In compliance with Guilford County Schools policy, cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a zero on the assignment along with disciplinary action. (Violations of the Code of Conduct JDP. Rule 3) Cheating is any practice, method, or assistance, including explicitly forbidden or unmentioned, that involves any degree of dishonesty, fraud, or deceit. Cheating includes plagiarism, which is representing another's ideas or words as one's own. This includes, but is not limited to, cheating by giving or receiving any unauthorized aid or assistance or the actual giving or receiving of unfair advantage on any form of academic work, plagiarism by copying the language structure, idea and/or thought of another and representing it as one's own work, and verbal or written statement of untruth. Each student is responsible for learning and observing appropriate documentation of another's work. All incidents of cheating MUST be reported to administration.

I have read the English Department's description of cheating and plagiarism. I understand that each classwork and homework assignment, test, presentation, project, and quiz is a learning opportunity. I agree to take full advantage of the learning opportunities offered to me by completing my own work.