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Course Requirements
English 128

Course Description

English 128 is an advanced English placement course designed for preparing the students for passing the AP Literature and Composition test. Students will respond to prompts based on the format for the AP test. English 128 students will read, analyze, and respond to historically and culturally significant works. Each student will bring mature, academic sophistication to this educational process. An analytic approach to author, theme, content and philosophy will be encouraged.

Attendance

The main ingredient to success in any class is ATTENDANCE. If you miss class, you not only lose teacher-directed, personalized instruction, you miss out on interaction with other students regarding lessons and immediate feedback you need on any questions you raise. Attendance also includes being mentally active when you are in class; focus on the lessons and the issues raised.

Materials and Resources

The textbooks for this class are MacDougal-Little's *British Literature* and Griffen's *Writing About Literature*. During the year students will also be reading works from the AP recommended reading lists.

Class Rules

1. Students will need the following materials in class each day: all textbooks currently in use; a 3-ring binder with college-ruled binder paper and dividers; a pen or pencil; an independent reading book (for literature groups).
2. Students will treat others and their ideas with respect and courtesy.
3. Students will keep class interruptions to a minimum (being tardy, using the pass, cell phones ringing, etc.).
4. No electronics!!

Homework/Assignments

- 1.. You will receive **50** points at the beginning of each quarter as part of your homework grade. These points will be added to your grade at the end of the quarter as long as you complete every homework assignment. Each time you come to class without your **completed** homework assignment, you will lose **five** points.

2. All assignments are due **ON OR BEFORE** the date specified. **LATE WORK IS NOT ACCEPTED.** Any assignments made prior to an absence are due the day of a student's return to class. For assignments made during an absence, the student will have 2 days for every absent day to make up the work. Students must also make arrangements with the teacher to make up any tests missed during the absence.

Grades

1. At the end of each quarter, I add up the total points you have earned and divide by the total possible points to get a percentage, which will then be converted to a letter grade.
2. There will be very few opportunities to earn extra credit, as I believe your grade should reflect how well you have successfully completed the course requirements. Do not ask me for extra credit assignments to take the place of the class work you did not complete.

Writing Portfolio

All *completed and graded* writing assignments will be kept in the classroom in individual portfolios. You will evaluate your writing portfolio at the end of each semester for a grade.