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English 8



Welcome to class! I look forward to working with you this year.

Course Description

In this class, we are all readers and writers. During the year we will study genres of literature, including drama, poetry, novels, short stories, and non-fiction writing. As we study these, we will work on writing in many styles and for a variety of audiences, speaking and listening, vocabulary, and sentence mechanics. Below are the units we'll work on together:

All Year Long

Quarterly Writing Folders
First Grade Buddies
AR Reading
Quote Journal
Vocabulary.com

Texts

The Diary of Anne Frank Drama
The Outsiders
Out of the Dust
Tangerine

Projects

Persuasive Emails
Survival Research
Literary Recipes
March Madness Poetry
Demonstration Speeches

Weekly Schedule

Typically, you can expect our weeks together to look like this:

Mondays	Writers' Toolbox & Vocabulary
Tuesdays	Unit Work
Wednesdays	Unit Work
Thursdays	Unit Work
Fridays	Writing Quiz & AR/Writing Folder Time

Materials

- ✓ An English notebook that you bring to class daily
- ✓ Your own organizational system for handouts, drafts, and homework
- ✓ The textbook, novel, or handout we are working with
- ✓ A pencil or pen (dark ink, please)
- ✓ AR Book *every day*

Classroom Expectations

In this classroom, please be reminded that you will:

1. Respect others and the classroom *without exception*.
2. Drink only clear, non-sticky water with a lid.
3. Complete all work within the allotted amount of time. Daily work and all other papers and projects are worth full credit only on the day they are due. Late work will drop one letter grade per day.
4. Follow all rules published in our school's handbook. Disruptions that interrupt the work of the classroom will result in consequences, which include:
 1. A one-on-one visit with me
 2. A detention and/or a call home
 3. Multiple detentions and a conference with Mr. Larson & your guardian(s)

To-Do List for Success

Beginning Class

Before the bell rings, sharpen your pencil and make sure you have your materials ready to go. Please actively check the boards when you enter for the daily lesson plan and announcements.

Classroom Mailboxes

One mailbox slot is set aside for one-way communication from me to you. Please glance at it daily as you enter the room. You may not store any items in your mailbox.

Turning in Work

Unless otherwise directed, please turn EVERYTHING in to the basket on the corner of my desk.

Makeup Work

When you are absent *for any reason*, you are responsible for checking your classroom mailbox to find your assignment for the day(s) missed. I will try to place your missed work there by 4 PM each day. When you miss a test or quiz, please independently access the makeup test/quiz file hanging on my desk before or after school.

Bonus Passes

To make class more fun, bonus passes can be used for any of the following items or privileges:

- ✓ a bonus point on **any** assignment, quiz, or test (can't exceed 100% for the quarter)
- ✓ a new mechanical pencil
- ✓ a Jolly Rancher
- ✓ as currency for the Make-A-Deal Box
- ✓ the use of a book from the shelf if you've forgotten yours
- ✓ a pass to your locker without getting a tardy
- ✓ a get-out-of-an-AR-pop-check-free card

Grading

Writing Folder	10% of quarter grade
AR Pages	10% of quarter grade
Daily Work & Assessments	80% of quarter grade

A	92-100	B	91-84	C	83-75
D	74-65	E	Below 65		
