

Miss Webster's English 1 Syllabus

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Student Expectations:

1. **Be prompt.** When the bell rings at the beginning of the hour, you should be in your seat with your mouth closed, hands to yourself, and your mind ready to go.
2. **Be prepared.** Come to class with all necessary materials. Come to class ready to discuss, turn-in, or present your work.
3. **Be positive.** In this classroom, we BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP. Never use negative words when speaking about yourself or others. (Be a mockingbird!)

“Mockingbirds don’t do one thing but make music for us to enjoy. They don’t eat up people’s gardens, don’t nest in corncribs, they don’t do one thing but sing their hearts out for us. That’s why it’s a sin to kill a mockingbird.” -Harper Lee

4. **Be productive.** Class time is limited and extremely valuable to your learning, therefore, complete all in-class work to the best of your ability.
5. **Be polite.** Respect your teacher, classmates, and resources and they will respect you in return. This includes only talking when it’s your turn to speak. (a.k.a. RAISE YOUR HAND!)

“You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.” -Harper Lee

Grading Scale:

A-- 90-100
B-- 80-89
C-- 72-79
D-- 63-71
F-- 62 or less

Supplies:

pens/pencils/erasers
loose leaf paper
chrome book
novels (provided)
folder/binder (optional)
highlighters (optional)

Classroom Policies and Procedures:

- **Masks:** All students are REQUIRED to wear a mask when at HHS. This means it covers your mouth and nose at all times.
- **Chromebooks:** Bring your *charged* chromebook to class EVERYDAY. Students without their chromebook or with their dead chromebook must complete an alternate version of assignments or work outside of class. The chromebooks are a resource we are privileged to have, so you will be expected to use it.
- **Participation:** EVERYONE needs to participate. Failure to do so will not only be reflected in your grade, but more importantly, it will be reflected in your learning.
- **Start line:** Each class period will begin with 5-10 minutes of independent reading time or bell work. The task will be displayed on the board. As soon as the bell rings, you will begin reading or working on the bell ringer.

- **Due dates:** There will always be a due date for assignments and you are expected to meet them. If you have questions or don't fully understand the assignment, please reach out to me at least the day BEFORE an assignment is due. Email is a great way to contact me, or you are always welcome to stop by before or after school.
- **Submitting assignments:** For online assignments, don't forget to hit the big blue "SUBMIT" button in schoology. Failure to do so will result in a late grade. For paper assignments, place them in your hour's white drawer on the table under the projector on the due date.
- **Homework:** Aside from assigned reading, homework will be kept to a minimum. As long as you do what you are supposed to during class, you should not have much to do at home. Because homework is limited, it is expected that you are present and engaged at all times during class.
- **Cell Phones:** Use of cell phones and smart watches are NOT TOLERATED during class time. Students *can* place their phone in assigned portals prior to the tardy bell and retrieve them at the end of the class period. Students earn one "parking point" for each class period that their phone is in the parking lot. The class that earns the most parking points in each quarter will win a prize for being the Valet Kings and Queens. Failure to comply with the cell phone policy will result in a loss of parking points and possibly a referral for class disruption.
- **Classroom library:** Borrowing a book from the classroom library is a privilege. You MUST sign out a book before taking it. Take care of and return them the way you found them in a timely manner. We will be logging our independent reading progress. Please be honest and thorough in your log.
- **Bathroom breaks:** Bathroom breaks are allowed when in an emergency, however, use the time in between classes wisely so that you are not missing class. Your presence is valued and required. We will use e-hall passes (link on schoology) to log all bathroom breaks, trips to the office, etc. If you abuse this freedom, there will be consequences.
- **Talking in class:** The best way for you to learn is from your peers. You are welcome to speak with a neighbor if (1) I am not talking or (2) it is on topic.

Make-Up Work: It is NOT my responsibility to ensure you make up for the time you have missed. It is up to you to arrange make-up work with me. This includes but is not limited to reading logs, bell ringers, writing assignments, assigned reading, in-class activities, and tests. If you know that you are going to be absent, email me a heads-up. Do not interrupt class time to tell me you will be gone. I need it in writing. You will be given one grace day for each EXCUSED absence. (For example, if you miss two days of school, the due date will be extended by 48 hours.) *Hint: Everything will be posted on Schoology.

Late Work: Assignments turned in late for reasons other than those pre-approved or excused absences will be accepted at partial credit. A 10% deduction will occur for each day that the assignment is past the due date.

Attendance: Students with preconceived absences due to athletic activities, field trips, doctors appointments, etc. should notify me via. email in advance and should be prepared for the next attended class period. Assignments missed due to unexcused absences will not receive full-credit.

Personal Conduct:

- Plagiarism will not be tolerated. EVER. Cheating or stealing the work of others goes against the expectations of you as a student at HHS. You have been blessed with a mind of your own. Use it. Allowing your peers to copy your work is also cheating and in violation of your originality and classroom expectations.
- You will be rewarded for good behavior and adhering to the classroom expectations and policies. You can expect candy, food days, and outdoor activities hence your cooperation and hard work.

A student failing to adhere to the expectations or classroom policies will result in...

1. A verbal warning
2. Student & teacher conference (may include parent/guardian communication)
3. Referral to administration for disciplinary action

The goal of these expectations and classroom policies is to enhance your learning. If you or your parent/guardian has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email.

Student Signature: _____

*The student above has read and agreed to all expectations and policies outlined in the document and understands the consequences in the event of a violation of policy.