English 4

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Welcome to English IV. For the year this class will be looking at the Individual in Society. As we investigate this theme, it is my hope that you will further your understanding of what it means to be an individual in the context of a larger society and question the responsibilities you have as a citizen.

This class will focus largely on American Literature, we will also be reading literature from around the world in a variety of genres. As we interact and react to the literature that we read throughout the year, we will focus on writing and the writing process.

**Class Materials:**

* It is your responsibility to come to class prepared with writing utensils, paper and Textbook.
* Students will need to purchase a spiral notebook for use in this class only. You will be required to periodically turn in your notebook.

**Classroom Expectation:**

* You are responsible for being an active participant in class activities, and completing assignments.
* Be polite and respectful of the rights and property of others.
* No food or drink (except water) unless otherwise instructed.
* If you make a mess it is your responsibility to clean it up.

**\*\* Special Note—I expect all students in my class to be respectful and cooperative with substitute teachers.**

**Quizzes and Essays:**

* There will be occasional quizzes and tests.
* Students will have to write essays for this class.

**Assignment Due Dates:**

* All assignments should be turned in on their due date. Assignments will only be accepted 1 day after the due date with a 50% reduction.
* Assignments more than 1 day late will not be accepted for credit.

**Absent and Make-Up Policy:**

* Students are responsible for all work missed during their absence. It is YOUR responsibility to go to the class website first for any and all work missed. If additional assistance is needed come see me.

**Plagiarism:**

* It is important for students to present their original thoughts as well as to cite or reference the ideas of others.
* Plagiarism is technically defined as “to knowingly or unknowingly steal and pass off the ideas and words of another as one’s own.” (Plagiarism, “www.m-w.com, June 26, 2005) **It is a serious academic offense.**
* All of the following are considered plagiarism:  
  -turning in someone else's work as your own  
  -copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit

-failing to put a quotation in quotation marks  
-giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation  
-changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit  
-copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not ([www.plagiarism.org](http://www.plagiarism.org))

* Please visit writing resources page on my website for additional information on plagiarism.
* Consequences of plagiarism can include **Zero** credit on assignments containing plagiarism, as well as a discipline referral.

**Cell Phone Policy:**

* Cell phones are to be out of sight and silent, unless otherwise instructed.
* Students with difficulty following this policy (i.e. texting in class, phone ringing, taking photos) maybe subject to confiscation of their mobile device.

**Tardy:**

* **Definition of Tardy:** Outside of the classroom when bell rings.

**Grading Scale:**

* **A 90-100%**
* **B 80-89%**
* **C 70-79%**
* **D 60-69%**
* **F 0-59%**

**\*\* Grades are based on cumulative points earned throughout the semester.**

Please make sure you have read the syllabus thoroughly. Please then sign and date this page and return to Mr. Scholtz.

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