English 1

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English 1 is a full-year course that incorporates a thematic approach with genre studies. Students will read a variety of both world and American literature with an emphasis on textual analysis. Writing, research, vocabulary, and grammar will be integrated in every unit.

**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.
* 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 come see me for any and all work missed.

**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.**
* 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 Policy:**

* Students will be given a **Referral** on the 3rd 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.**