

CLASS SYLLABUS

ENGLISH CLASS

10th Grade Edition, 2021-2022

Welcome!

...to tenth grade! Get ready for a challenging but awesome year. I am so excited to get to know you and to help you grow as a reader, writer, editor, and speaker, as well as to prepare you for the rest of your high school and your life beyond education. Our goal this year is to get you prepped and ready for AP English III, Ap English IV, and Dual Credit.

Bring to Class:

- Writing Journal
- Folder (for this class only)
- Independent Reading Book
- Pen or Pencil
- Highlighter
- Chromebook

Books We Will Read

Because this is an Honors Class, purchasing your own copy of the books we will read is expected. If there's a problem with this please let me know. If you wish to buy ahead, ask your family for gifts, or wait until there's a sale, here's what we plan to read.

- Night (Elie Wiesel)
- Othello (Shakespeare)
- Metamorphosis (Kafka)
- Animal Farm (George Orwell)

Books bought can be new or used. One website to find good, used books is thriftbooks.com. In addition to these books you will be reading in book clubs in class. Expectations are to read a classic novel as well as other books.

Class Rules:

1. Do what I say the first time, everytime.
2. Follow directions. If you cannot do what I ask for a valid reason, please communicate that to me in a calm voice.
3. Respect and Kindness to each other.
4. Assignments are due in the first five minutes of class. I reserve the right to collect or check items during class.
5. Always clean up your messes.
6. Be proactive. Plan ahead. Do not assume you will get an extension if you ask for one.
7. Be prepared. The teacher releases the class. Students should be in their seats ready to work at the bell, add should be in their seats until the teacher releases them at the end of class.
8. Cell phones should be off and put away.
9. 5/10 Do not ask to go anywhere outside of the classroom the first five minutes and the last ten minutes of class.

The time you are in class before the bell rings is your time to get papers out, pencils sharpened, and chatting with friends wrapped up

Tardy Policy:

Please read the student handbook. When the bell rings, the door will be closed and locked. You will need a pass to get back in class. Excessive tardies will result in ISS.

The goal with this much reading is to have you mentally prepared for the challenge of AP Junior and Senior English or Dual Credit English. These are considered College Level classes.

Your Binder Folder:

The system you use to organize your binder/folders is up to you, BUT you must have safe places to keep the following:

- Final drafts of writing
- Grammar/Vocab
- Current unit papers
- Papers to save for exams
- Papers I give to study

Getting Help

There's more than one way!

1. Before school: Ask for an appointment to meet in room 1229 at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays.
2. After school: Ask for an appointment to meet in my room at 3:05 on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you arrive after 3:15 p.m. you are late and will not get to stay.

FAQ's

Q: Can I throw this paper out?

A: No! You never know if you'll need that paper for a midterm, final exam, high school or report card. Ask me before you throw anything away.

Q: Will we have homework in this class?

A: YES! This is an Honors Class. Even if you are fully caught up on all assignments, you should be working ahead or doing some independent reading.

Q: What if I disagree with you or have a question?

A: The best option is to chat with me in person to discuss. Or you can send me a detailed email.

Class Rule Violations:

- 1st offense--Chat w/me
 - 2nd--Parent Contact (Detention)
 - 3rd--Referral
- Severe disruptions will result in immediate referral.

Contact Mrs. White

swhite@littlelmsd.net

Please understand that I cannot guarantee email responses after 7:30 p.m. at night.

Class phone is 972-947-9443 ext 21229

Absence Policy

If you miss a class for any reason, you should:

- Ask me ASAP what was missed. Do this before or after class.
- Turn in any work you already have completed.
- Do not rely on friends. They might forget important details.
- Every day you miss you get one day to make up. But don't stall, if it's close to the end of the quarter you have to get assignments submitted.

Using Tech:

We will use the following websites/software regularly on School devices:

Canvas, Quizlet, Google Apps, Quizizz, Freerice, NoRedInk.

Remember to follow school policies for technology use and to keep track of your own usernames and passwords. If you forget your login, I might not be able to help.

Dress Code Policy:

Please check the student handbook about dress code. The dress code will be enforced in class. Make sure you are dressed appropriately for class and that you are wearing your id.

Late Work:

Assignments will have due dates. You do have a strict five day grace period after the due date. After that five day period, a 0 will be given. You will not be able to make it up after that.

Extra Credit:

From time to time extra credit will be offered in the class. Extra credit can not be used to replace missing assignments.

Finding & Using Books for Independent Reading

In this class, you will need to find and carry an independent reading book with you to every class. (More details about our independent reading will be provided later).

The books you choose must be:

- School appropriate.
- Ones that your parents will approve.
- An appropriate length.
- An appropriate reading level (not too easy, not too difficult).

If you ever need help finding a book, I can recommend some. However, it's a good life skill to not just rely on a teacher. Please ask a friend or librarian.

If I have a concern about a book you're reading, I'm allowed to "veto" it or contact your parents.

Document Formatting:

Anytime you are submitting a typed document (either printing it or turning it in electronically), make sure it includes the following MLA guidelines:

- Running header, upper left corner, with last name and page #.
- Heading on first page (left),
- Containing your name, class period, and due date.
- Centered title
- 1" margins
- Double spacing
- Times, New Roman 12
- No extra spaces between paragraphs (or between headings and titles)
- No excessive spacing, bolding, italics, or photos.

One more thing about Books...

We will read a lot of books. We will talk about books. We will do book reports. If you are planning to do the AP test for junior or senior year, it is understood that you have read certain books, "Classics." Our goal is to get some, "Classics," on your book list.

Notes: