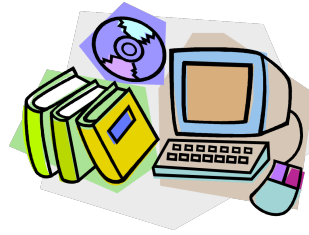


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English III—American Lit & Composition
2015-16 Class Rights and Responsibilities
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Course Description: English III is a yearlong class that continues the integration of reading, writing, and critical thinking skills as you study the language and literature of America. The class will be closely linked to your concurrent study of American history. You will read numerous novels and non-fiction works, and write narrative, persuasive, and literary analysis essays utilizing MLA format. In addition, we will focus on various aspects of career planning to explore the opportunities available to you after graduation. We'll continue to add to your career portfolios, hear guest speakers, read literature of the workplace, and prepare for the numerous junior level standardized tests which all have career planning components (ASVAB, PSAT, ACT). You will have the opportunity to job shadow, and you'll prepare an i-Movie presentation based on your job shadow experience and on library and internet research in that field. **The job shadow paper, resume, job shadow presentation, thank you letter, career portfolio, and research paper are REQUIRED elements for passing this course.**

Expectations:

- ✓ Be in class each day and be prepared to participate in all class activities.
- ✓ Please don't ask to leave class the first 10 or last 10 minutes of class.
- ✓ Check your email REGULARLY! I email lots of important reminders. Kristy Jackson emails lots of job shadow info.
- ✓ Bring a positive attitude, pen & novel to class daily.
- ✓ Laptops, cellphones and headphones will be used for educational purposes only. West Central's Acceptable Use and Laptop policies call for no food/beverages near your laptops, NO GAMES, no downloads, no streaming audio/video. My expectation is that your computer is off when teacher is on. The computers are a privilege, NOT a right. Follow school policy! Abuse it; lose it!
- ✓ Deadlines: All assignments must be completed ON TIME. Daily online assignments/quizzes must be submitted IN CLASS. In the English department late daily assignments are automatically docked 50% unless you have an excused absence. Major essays are deducted at 5% per day. **ALL MAJOR PAPERS and projects including Research Paper and Job Shadow presentation MUST BE completed TO PASS THE SEMESTER.**
- ✓ Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a grade of zero (0) for all parties involved. Plagiarism will be handled this year through the Turnitin Software.
- ✓ Make-up work: If you have been absent, see me and check the on-line assignment board. This is YOUR responsibility. I won't chase you down or remind you to hand work in. According to school policy, you have two days for each day absent to make up an assignment, after which a grade of zero (0) will be recorded. Find a learning partner to keep you up to speed. Come to ELT to make up missing work!
- ✓ **Do NOT** line up at the door before the bell rings. **PLEASE remain IN YOUR SEAT** until the bell rings.
- ✓ Tardy=Detention
- ✓ Leaving the room: You must get your planner signed to leave the room. Only one out at time and only for emergencies.
- ✓ Behavior: **RESPECT** yourself, your peers, your teacher, your school, the computers and the subject matter. Rudeness and disrespect directed toward ANYONE in the class WILL NOT BE TOLERATED and will result in assignment to Saturday school.
- ✓ Good Taste: All work presented in this class--written, spoken, recorded, computer-generated--MUST be in good taste and expressed in appropriate language.

Grading:

- ✓ The district-wide grading scale follows: 92-100 A, 83-91 B, 74-82 C, 65-73 D, 64 & below F. While I will provide some of your instruction in class, a majority of your learning will depend upon your attentiveness, student presentations, your participation in groups, and library and computer research and applications. Therefore, your grade will be based on class participation, attitude, daily assignments, tests, quizzes, and attendance.
- ✓ Your grades are available online. It is your responsibility to monitor your own grades. Please arrange a time outside of class if you'd like to discuss a grade.