

English III—American Lit & Composition
2020-21 Class Rights and Responsibilities

English3

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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 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, work with SDMyLife, 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, Smarter Balance, NWEA). You will have the opportunity to job shadow if and when it's safe. There will also be virtual opportunities to explore. A job shadow paper, resume, job shadow presentation, career portfolio, and research paper are **REQUIRED** elements for passing this course.

Expectations:

- ✓ Hand sanitize in and out of the classroom! Mask is on at all times.
- ✓ Be in class each day and be prepared to participate in all class activities. Bring charged laptop, earbuds & positive attitude!
- ✓ For your safety, DON'T leave the room unless it's an emergency and don't move around the room.
- ✓ Check your email REGULARLY! I email a lot of important reminders.
- ✓ Laptops and earbuds will be used for educational purposes only. WCHS Acceptable Use and Laptop policies call for no food or beverages near your laptops, NO GAMES, no downloads, no streaming audio/video. My expectation is that your computer is off when your teacher is on. Laptop use is a privilege, not a right. Follow school policy; abuse it...lose it! Earbuds may be used during quiet reading time, but NOT during any online grammar practice and assessment. It's about **deep work and concentration**. As college or vo-tech students, members of the military and the workforce, you'll need to unplug at times so you can focus on completing a task **without distraction**. That is a learned skill that we have to teach and model and practice.
- ✓ Cell phones: Silence it. To cut down on germs, instead of using cell phone holder, tuck your phone in your backpack. You'll get 1 warning. A second time, I'll add to Infinite Campus, email office, parent and assign detention. You may never leave the room unless your phone is in the cell hotel.
- ✓ 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. **Late work will not be accepted after the completion of each unit. ALL MAJOR PAPERS and projects MUST BE completed TO PASS EACH 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 through the Turnitin Software.
- ✓ Make-up work: If you have been absent, FIRST check the on-line daily assignment board carefully. Everything you need to know for class every day is there! This is YOUR responsibility. I won't chase you down or remind you to hand in work. 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. Again, no late work accepted after a unit is complete.
- ✓ 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 really shouldn't unless it's an emergency. You must fill out the Exit form in Google Docs, which will track how many times you are signing out daily. Remember, no leaving if cell phone is not in caddy.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Good Taste: All work presented in this class--written, spoken, recorded, computer-generated--MUST be in good taste and expressed in appropriate language.

Grading: While I will provide some of your instruction in class, a majority of your learning will depend upon independent practice, student presentations, collaboration, library and computer research. Your grade will be based on daily assignments, tests, quizzes, essays, and career preparedness activities.

I have read the classroom expectations, and I understand why they are important.

Signed _____