This class will build on the reading, writing, grammar, and mechanical skills students have learned in previous English classes. As students read a variety of titles in literature (fiction and nonfiction), they will increase their understanding of elements of literature. Students may draw evidence from reading and present their arguments and ideas in analytical compositions, class discussions, and presentations.

**Expectations**

**BE RESPONSIBLE**
Come to class on time and be prepared with class materials. Follow class rules and procedures. Keep track of your passwords and grades.

**BE RESPECTFUL**
Respect yourself, your peers, your teachers, and class supplies. Respect is the foundation of this classroom!

**DO YOUR BEST**
Put effort into your work and participate in class. It’s ok if you try and fail but it’s not ok to fail to try!

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**SUPPLY LIST**

- Your Digital Device
- Writing Utensil
- Paper
- Textbook
- Your Brain Ready to Work
- A Good Attitude

My classroom will look different this year, but you will still need these things to succeed!

**Procedures**

**TURN IN...**
Homework or projects

**BELLWORK**
Short grammar exercises, quick writes, word problems, etc...

**CLASS WORK**
Teacher instruction, group work, independent working time, etc...

**CLEAN UP**
Clean up desk area, pick up materials, etc...

“Nothing will work unless you do!” - Maya Angelou
**TECH POLICY:**
All phones, headphones, watches, etc., must remain off and/or put away unless you are given permission to have them out (usually after the lesson is over). Once you have been given permission to use tech during class you are NOT allowed to make calls or engage on social media. If you do not follow these rules, you will lose the ability to use tech during class for up to one week. If you continue to break this policy, your tech privilege will be revoked permanently.

**RESTROOM POLICY:**
Do not take advantage of the privilege to leave the classroom, or that privilege will be taken away. You have five minutes to take care of business between each class; use your time wisely!

**FOOD AND DRINK POLICY:**
You are allowed to eat and drink in the classroom as long as it does not become a detriment to your learning. Throw your trash away at the appropriate time in class.

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In this course your grades are divided into five major categories: bellwork, daily work, tests & quizzes, papers, and participation. Grades are given on a point system. Typically, tests & quizzes and papers are worth more points. ALL points are important!

**Grading**

**ABSENT WORK**
If you are absent you will have the opportunity to make up the work that you missed. The number of days you missed is equal to the amount of days you have to make up your work. It is YOUR responsibility to get your missing assignments!

**Due Dates**
Your work is due the day after it is assigned, unless otherwise noted. This class is designed to give plenty of time to complete work during class time.

**Discipline**
Everyone has the right to a non threatening learning environment. If you are taking away that right for others, there will be consequences. Consequences will be given on a case-by-case basis.

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life" - Steve Jobs