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COURSE OVERVIEW

The purpose of the course is to learn to read and write more effectively. Therefore, we will be writing and reading extensively using a number of different formats. We will identify and react to the key ideas and underlying assumptions found in models of good writing. We will also deal with grammar, punctuation, diction, structure, and style along with techniques for composing and revising areas where students in the class seem to be having difficulties.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- **Texts:** Each student is responsible for the texts signed out in their name from the library.
 - Textbooks
Prentice Hall's Literature (green – home only) and Holt's Elements of Literature (brown class only)
 - Novels
To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee (fall)
Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck (spring)
- **Materials:** Spiral notebook, folder, pens, pencils, jump drive, 3x3 sticky notes (package/any color), and multi-colored highlighters pkg.

All materials must be brought to class everyday. Participation points will be lost if you are not prepared not learn and participate!

CLASS WEBSITE

Make sure you check in often. I will post unit extra credit along with homework calendars and a link to class grades.

COURSE GRADING SYSTEM - The following averaged point system is used:

- **Homework / Class Participation / Extra Credit**
 - You will be creating an interactive notebook that will contain both your class notes (right side) and homework assignments (left side).
 - * Missing assignments may be submitted for ½ credit.
 - * Absent work must be completed in a timely manner for me to honor full credit.
 - * Extra credit may be submitted only if all missing work is complete.
 - * Check the homework calendar and ask your classmates for missed notes.
 - * You are held accountable for all work unless otherwise noted by the teacher.
 - No credit for all items above once the unit test is given.**
- **Quizzes (average range 5-25 points)**

Expect daily quizzes on the subject matter covered in the previous class. Since quizzes will be given at my discretion, study for quizzes by reviewing notes from the day before. If you prepare ahead of time, they will not be a surprise!
- **Essays (average range 50-100 points)**

This course requires each student to complete 4 writing modes per semester (research paper in the spring). Each essay will go through a writing process. Some steps will be completed in class. When submitting the final draft, all parts must be attached in order to receive a final grade.

- **Projects (average range 50-100 points)**
Short and long term projects will be assigned each semester. This may include a research project, small groups, unit projects, etc.
- **Unit Tests (100 points)**
Tests will be given at the end of each completed unit. **Any assignments due from absences or missing must be turned in before each unit test. I will not accept anything after the day of the unit test.**
- **Final Exam (average range 150-200 points)**

GRADING

Grades will be posted at my discretion. Students need to make an appointment to discuss their grade with me during office hours. The following % equals the grade for the course:

98 – 100 = A+	89 – 88 = B+	79 – 78 = C+	69 – 68 = D+
94 – 97 = A	84 – 87 = B	74 – 77 = C	64 – 67 = D
90 – 93 = A-	80 – 83 = B-	70 – 73 = C-	60 – 63 = D-

*****Grades may be accessed daily by going to www.hardistrict.org and clicking on “campus portal”.** On this page, you will see a section for setting up an account. During the semester, if your password becomes blocked, students need to see the school librarian while parents need to email the district (address on site).

CLASSROOM POLICIES

Every member of the class will respect students/teacher’s opinions, feelings, and space. You choose your behavior; thus, you choose your consequences.

- **Attendance is required.** After 8 absences, I will contact your parents through a letter. Please be warned that the attendance policy adopted by Saugus states that excessive tardiness and/or absences can result in an “F” grade for any course regardless of the students’ current letter grade.
- **Promptness is expected *before the bell*.** If you have accumulated more than 3 tardies, a 1hr detention will be issued and then a Saturday school if it is not served.
- **Constructive participation is mandatory.** However, any interference in classroom learning will not be tolerated and will result in a form of disciplinary action. Avoid inappropriate classroom comments, doing other classwork, language, attitude, and behavior.
- **Electronic equipment (cell phones, ipods, etc) is a privilege, not a right.** All electronic equipment should be turned off and removed from sight. Students caught using electronic equipment will result in disciplinary action. This will be noted in their file and possibly assigned Saturday school.
- **Please avoid eating or drinking in class.** Recycle your waste in the appropriate bin.
- **Respect the objects in the room.** This includes the texts and supplies. If you mistreat them, your privileges will be revoked.

The teacher reserves the right to use her discretion regarding classroom occurrences. If you have any questions, please ask!