



Freshmen English 2010-2011 Syllabus

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year! As we prepare for a productive year of learning and achievement, I would like to provide some important information about the goals and expectations in the class, which will help each student to be successful.

Rules:

1. Be on time and in your seat when the bell rings. **If you are late 3 times you will receive a detention.**
2. Sit in your assigned seat. Do not leave seat without permission.
3. Pencils should be sharpened before class begins and all materials should be ready and on your desk. **I DO NOT** give out any pens or pencils.
4. Bathroom privileges are for emergencies only. Make sure to sign the log out sheet and take the pass with you and put it back in its appropriate place when finished.
5. Any work due should be put in the correct period folder on my desk.
6. **NO** talking during testing, reading, writing, or lecturing.
7. Push your chair under your desk when you leave and throw away any unwanted trash.
8. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. **DO NOT** write on desks.
9. **NO** cursing, teasing, bullying or sleeping.
10. **NO** gum, food, or beverages are allowed in the classroom.

Expectations— Academic and Behavioral

1. ALL students are expected to follow school and classroom procedures.
2. If you were absent you will have as many days as you were absent to make up the work. It is your responsibility to get the makeup work out of the “absent folder.” It is also your responsibility to ask me/another classmate about the work you have missed. If you do not make up this work, you will receive a 0.
3. ALL homework should be done at home and not in school. If I suspect you of copying off of others work, all parties will be given a 0. No exceptions.
4. ALL materials should be brought into class EVERY DAY.
5. If you need to make up any quizzes/tests you need to address me before or after class to make it up. I am available every day after class as well as after school.
6. Cell phones are prohibited. The following is how I will handle cell phones being used and/or seen in class:
 - a. First offense: I will hold the phone in my desk until the end of the school day.
 - b. Second offense: I will take the phone and give it to administration. A parent/guardian will come to pick up the phone.
 - c. Third offense: I will meet with administrators regarding the continuing problem.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO BREAK A RULE:

First Time: Verbal Warning

Second Time: After Class Discussion with Teacher

Third Time: Detention after School on Specified Day

Fourth Time: Parents Contacted/Student Sent to Office

Materials:

- ✓ 1 Marbled or Spiraled Composition Notebook (Name and Period)
 - ✓ 1 Notebook with Loose-Leaf Paper
 - ✓ 1 Binder/File Dividers Pens or Pencils (work may be done in either)
- *(Both your Binders and Notebooks will be checked randomly)

Grades:

The following grading scale will be used:

A+	97-100/	A	93-96
B+	89-92/	B	85-88
C+	81-84/	C	77-80
D+	74-76/	D	70-73
F			Below 70 failing

In my classroom the following will constitute students grades:

Participation/Cooperation: 15%
Homework: 30%
Quizzes: 20%
Tests: 35%

*(Project/Alternative Assessments will either count as a test grade or quiz grade).

Homework:

Homework will be graded using the following scale:

Check ++ = 100
Check + = 90
Check = 80
Check - = 70
Check -- = 60

Format for Homework Heading:

Name: _____

Assignment: _____

Date: _____

Class Period: _____

- Restate the question in the answer.
- Answer thoroughly and in complete sentences. (One to two sentences responses are not sufficient).
- No Contractions
- Formal Tone
- No Abbreviations (Spell EVERYTHING out!)

“...we all take such pains to over-educate ourselves. In the wild struggle for existence, we want to have something that endures, and so we fill our minds with rubbish and facts, in the silly hope of keeping our place.”

-Oscar Wilde

Student: Please read and sign the following statement:

I have read and understand the above syllabus information. I agree to meet the requirements of this course while maintaining a classroom environment that is welcome to all of my classmates.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____