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Hello! My name is Mrs. Vasbinder and I will be your English III teacher this semester. I would like to discuss my expectations of you as well as procedures in this classroom. My expectations of you are very high and we have a lot of work to do before the end of the semester!

Course Description:

Our English III classroom will focus on American Literature. We will cover fiction (short stories and novels), non-fiction, poetry, and drama. English III students are expected to produce coherent and well organized writing using the writing process. You will write analysis, narrative, and informational pieces of writing as well. The major texts we will read include *The Crucible* and *The Great Gatsby*.

Policies:

- The student must follow all school policies and procedures. This includes but is not limited to: no dress code violations, no food/drinks, no cell phones, and no headphones.
- The student must be prepared for class with all materials. This includes your **charged laptop**. You will need it everyday.
- The student must participate in all class activities and submit all assignments.
- **Grading:** Classwork:50% Projects:30% Assessments: 20%
- Late Assignments and Absences: You are expected to turn in your highest quality work when the assignment is due. Please email or message me on Remind in the event you are absent and turn in that work by our next class. If, for any reason other than absences, you need to turn in an assignment late, you will be allowed to submit the assignment with the following penalties. You will also need to log your late work on the proper form in class. I will not know to grade your assignment if you do not complete the Late Work Log! All late work must be turned in at least 3 days prior to the end of the grading period.
 - ◆ 1 day late: Grace period. No loss of points.
 - ◆ 2 days late: -40%
 - ◆ 3+ days late: -60%
- There will be NO talking during quizzes or tests.
- Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student who is found to have plagiarized will receive a referral for academic dishonesty and the assignment will need to be corrected.
- **The student will respect themselves, their peers, and all other adults. I will not tolerate disrespectful comments or behaviors.**

Procedures:

- Most work will be submitted digitally. Clear, easy to read font and colors are a must.
- Begin completing the Warm Up activity as soon as you enter the classroom and ensure homework has been turned in. “Warm Up”s are to be done **QUIETLY**. No talking. “Warm Up”s should be completed in your digital class notebook (Teams/OneNote). We will go over formatting. These will be graded every 3 weeks (twice per grading period). The page will lock at the end of each week.
- Most of our work will be online and located in Teams/OneNote. These documents are time stamped. In the gradebook, some assignments will be listed by the piece of literature and not individual. (Example: We have 4 assignments for Act I of Hamlet. In the gradebook it would say “Hamlet Act I activities”) Same process will take place for binder checks online.
- Restroom breaks should be reserved for emergency situations. Only one person may leave at a time and you must sign in and out as well as take a hall pass. You may not leave during the first 10 or last 10 minutes of class. Please refrain from asking to leave during instruction or reading.
- You will not be given class time to complete missing assignments or projects; however, missing tests must be made up in person. These things will be taken care of during Power Hour!

Needed Materials:

In order for the goals to be met and participation in class to be possible, you must bring the following items to class with you:

- Avid binder with agenda/planner pencil bag
- Pens (Blue and Black)/Pencils/ White out
- Sticky Notes
- Charged Laptop

Cumulative Reading Project:

On your own you will complete 1 book project. You will be given approximately 30 mins in class a week to read a novel; however, many students will have to read on their own time as well to complete the assignment. After you read each novel, you will complete 1 project from the list of “50 Alternative Book Reports” that will be posted in Teams. Your project will be graded on creativity and content- the goal is for you to show me that you read and understand something deeper about the novel. Do not give me a book report or a summary of the book- I can Google that myself. You must show me that you actually read and understand the book! **I have many books to choose from in class but you are more than welcome to bring your own. Novels must be approved prior to completing the project and should match your ability level. (No Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Sorry.) A list of project options is posted in our class Onenote.

Due Date: **Wednesday,, December 14th. NO LATE PROJECTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Final Thought:

I am very excited to be your English IV teacher! This semester will be as good as we make it, so let’s make it a great one! Please feel free to talk with me during Office Hours on Wednesdays, send me a Remind message, or email me if there is anything you feel you need to address from class. I can also set up a time to meet with you after school as long as you let me know in advance.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Vasbinder