Introduction to English

Mrs. Hiatt

**Welcome to English 10 and 11!** English 10 and 11 focus on reading literature, drama, short stories, and poetry. The English 10/11 curricula also includes vocabulary study, writing, public speaking, and a variety of presentations. Test preparation for the SAT and ACT, including grammar, will also be a focus throughout the year. (especially junior year)

**BRING TO CLASS:**

A journal notebook

A notebook and folder for assignments, notes, and handouts

An ink pen and a pencil

**Your cell phone or other device to use for classroom activities only**

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

**Read the board each day for assignment due dates!**

**ONLINE LEARNING/TEACHER WEBPAGE:**

You will find my teacher webpage on the Iron Mountain Public Schools website. This is where you will find assignments and the classroom schedule for the week. The weekly assignments and schedule are always subject to change.

**JOURNALS:**

Each day when you enter class, you will write in your journal for an average of three to five minutes. Some days will require more writing. You will find your journal prompt on the board or you will receive a handout for your journal entry. Please write the date of your journal entry each day, the question, and make sure your topic sentence relates to the journal prompt.

Journals will be collected and points recorded each semester. You will earn 50 points each trimester if you do your journal and a zero if you do not. This is an easy way to improve your grade. If you are absent it is your responsibility to get the journal prompt from another student.

**PAPER REQUIREMENTS AND FORMAT:**

In this class you will be doing various types of in and out of class writings. Papers will sometimes be hand written, but will often be typed on the computer. You will be informed of the requirements of each paper. Work that is not typed when required will receive a zero.

Papers should follow the Modern Language Association (MLA style with a one-inch margin on all sides). Your name, period number and date appear on the first page. Your last name and page number appear as a running header (if there is more than one page) at the top of each page.

MLA format is double- spaced.

**TURN IT IN:**

**ALL REQUIRED PAPERS MUST BE TURNED IN ONLINE TO THE TURN IT IN PROGRAM TO CHECK FOR PLAIGERISM. IF THE PAPER IS NOT SUBMITTED, YOU WILL EARN A ZERO EVEN IF YOU HAVE THE WRITTEN OR TYPED COPY.** You and your parents must sign the turn it in contract at the beginning of the year. **I DO NOT ACCEPT E-MAILED PAPERS EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. Papers may be turned in late for half credit the next day if the paper was submitted properly online AND ON TIME! You must have a digital receipt and or a submission ID number proving you have successfully submitted your paper to receive credit.**

**SPEECHES:**

Public speaking is often feared. In fact, a recent poll was taken, and it found that people ranked giving a speech as their number one fear second only to death! In this class you will be taught the skills to become a good speaker. You might just enjoy yourself in the process.

***All the great speakers were bad speakers at first.- Ralph Waldo Emerson***

**SPEECH GRADING**:

. If you are not prepared for a speech or presentation, your grade will drop one letter grade each day that you are late.

**AUDIENCE:**

You are required to be a good audience. An important part of a speech requires good listening skills and audience participation. EVERYONE DESERVES RESPECT WHEN SPEAKING. If you choose to be disrespectful during speeches, you will earn a zero on your speech and or Saturday school time.

**WHEN YOU ARE ABSENT:**

Make up work is due within one day for each day that you are absent. If the assignment (paper, homework, project) is not on time, you may turn it in for half credit the next day. After the second day, a zero will be recorded. If you need special circumstances, you must see me ahead of time or the day you return to school. If the assignment is given in advance, you are responsible for that assignment the day you get back to school. You may see me before school, during seminar, between classes or after school to get your missed work. Please do not interrupt class with make up work questions.

**MISSED TESTS:**

If you are going to miss class for a school related activity such as sports, you may choose to make up the test before you leave. You will have **one week** to make up any missing tests. It is your responsibility to see me to make arrangements to make up the test on your own time.

**VOCABULARY:**

Vocabulary will be done throughout the year. I will pass out vocabulary on Friday after the vocab. tests in class. You will have some time to get started working on the worksheet in class on that day. Vocabulary worksheets are due on Thursdays in class. You must have less than 10 wrong to earn credit for your vocabulary. **Vocabulary worksheets are worth 10 points a week. You will receive one free chance to forget your vocabulary worksheet once each semester.**

Friday is vocabulary tests day unless you are told otherwise.

**FRIDAY IS SILENT READING DAY AFTER THE TESTS. YOU CAN BRING A BOOK TO READ ON FRIDAYS OR CHOOSE TO WORK ON THE NEXT VOCABULARY WORKSHEET.**

**INDEPENDENT READING:**

You are required to do independent reading during the year. This means you will choose your own novels to read. You must read a minimum of 30 minutes a week that is keep track of on your reading log. Each semester you will be assigned a book report, project or presentation on your independent reading. You will receive additional information on these reports each semester.

**HOMEWORK:** All homework and assignments must be completely finished to hand in (no blank answers) for me to grade the assignment. If it is not completed fully, you will earn a zero.

**Requirements to pass the class:** You will be required to complete several presentations and papers along with the exam to pass both English 10 and English 11.

**English 10 Literature:**

*The Crucible*

*Of Mice and Men*

Short Story Unit

**English 11 Literature:**

*Beowulf*

*Hamlet*

*Night*

*Lord of the Flies*

**CLASSROOM RULES:**

1. **SIT IN YOUR ASSIGNED SEAT BEFORE THE BELL RINGS.**
2. **RESEPECT OTHERS, THE TEACHER AND YOURSELF.**
3. **COME TO CLASS PREPARED, WITH THE PROPER MATERIALS, ON TIME AND READY TO LEARN!**
4. **FINISH ALL FOOD AND DRINKS BEFORE ENTERING THE CLASSROOM.**
5. **THE USE OF CELL PHONES WILL BE FOR CLASSROOM PURPOSES ONLY.**
6. **WORK HARD AND HAVE FUN!**

**Consequences:**

**If you choose not to follow the rules, I will keep you after class to give you a warning or make a plan to follow the rules. If you still choose to not follow the rules, you will earn Sat. school hours.**

**Any physical or emotion/verbal violence will not be tolerated. I reserve the right to send any student to the office if you choose that type of behavior.**