**English 12**

**Mrs. Hiatt**

**Welcome to English 12!**

English 12 consists of preparation for college, the workforce and life in general. English 12 focuses on learning vocabulary, writing for college and the workforce, reading and responding to literature, speaking and a unit on resumes and mock interviews.

**Units:**

**First Trimester:**

Personal/College Essay

Research Paper

Speech on Research

Leadership Literature Unit: King Arthur

Speech/Presentation on Reading

Vocabulary weekly

Semester Review and Exam

**Second Trimester:**

Book Review: Classic Novel

Shakespeare: *Macbeth*

Group Presentation on *Macbeth*

Resumes and Cover Letters

Mock Interview Process

Demonstration Speech

Vocabulary Weekly

Semester Review and Exam

**Classroom Rules:**

1. Sit in your assigned seat before the bell rings.
2. Respect others, the teacher and yourself.
3. Come to class prepared, with proper materials, on time and ready to learn.
4. Finish all food and drinks before entering the classroom.
5. Use your cell phones only during classroom activities that require your cell phone. This is not a cell phone rule; it is a respect rule.

**Consequences:**

1. I will give you a warning privately if you are not following the rules or are using your cell phone at the wrong time.
2. I will ask you to stay after class or go into the back room or hallway to discuss the chosen behavior.
3. I will put your cell phone in the cell phone prison and/or assign Saturday school if you continue to choose not to follow the rules after warnings and reminders.
4. I will e-mail or call you parents to inform them of your chosen behavior.
5. I reserve the right to call the office and have a student removed for any physical or verbal violence of any kind

**BRING TO CLASS:**

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.

**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.

**SPEECH PRESENTATION GRADING**:

If you are not prepared for a speech or presentation, your grade will drop one letter grade each day that you are late until the last late deadline day. There will be presentations that you will also need to sign-up for a day to deliver the presentation.

**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 worksheet 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 trimester.** 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 year you will be choosing a classic novel. You must read a minimum of 30 minutes a week that is kept track of on your reading log. There will be a book review on the classic novel you choose due the second trimester.

**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 English 12. Passing English 12 is a requirement for graduation.

There will be extra credit opportunities throughout the year to help improve your grade if you choose to take advantage of them.

***Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. –****Benjamin Franklin*