

English I Course Expectations

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Materials Needed: Students will need to come to class with blue or black ink pens, a three ring binder, notebook paper, a composition book and the required text.

Required Texts: *The Language of Literature* (textbook) and any other supplemental novel that we will be reading in class.

Supplemental Novels: We will be reading the following novels in class. (Each student will be provided a copy of the novel).

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Odyssey by Homer

The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Course Goals: This class is designed to learn and review the basics of the English Language. In class, we will be focusing on reading different types of genres (fiction, non-fiction, science fiction, plays, poetry and short stories). Students will also review the basic concepts of grammar as well as conquer new topics such as gerunds and subject verb agreement.

Students will also work on writing different types of papers such as personal narratives, argumentative and research. These papers will help students examine and analyze various works that we will read throughout the semester.

At the end of the semester, students will take the English I End of Course Test. Each student will have to make a 3 or a 4 on the test in order to pass English I and graduate from high school. We will spend time in class preparing for the test and after school sessions will be provided as an exam review towards the end of the semester.

Class Rules:

1. Be on time with your materials at all times. You will not be allowed to leave once the bell has rung.
2. No personal grooming during class.
3. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.
4. Be in your seat when the bell rings.
5. Come prepared to discuss material that we read in class from the previous day or for homework.
6. Always turn work in on time.
7. Follow all Middle Creek High School policies and rules.

Other Important Topics:

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is “a piece of writing that has been copied from someone else and is presented as being your own work.” This includes cutting and pasting from websites such as google.com or sparknotes.com. If you are caught plagiarizing in class, you will have 48 hours to redo the assignment for a grade no higher than a 70. Your parents will also be notified. If you are caught plagiarizing again, you will automatically receive a zero and I will take disciplinary action.

Definition courtesy of www.dictionary.com

Extra Credit: Extra Credit will be offered at different times during the semester. However, you will not be allowed extra credit if you have any missing assignments (a zero on anything). I will determine where the extra credit goes for each student. For example, if Sally gets a 25 on a vocabulary quiz and she has earned extra credit, I will drop that quiz grade.

Homework: Students will be required to have all of their homework done. Not every assignment will be taken up, but students must always be prepared and ready to turn in their homework.

Late Work: If a student does not have the homework assignment that is taken up for the day, the student will receive a zero. For other assignments that are late, ten points will be taken off for each day that the assignment is late. If the assignment is not turned in within five days of the due date, the student will receive a zero.

Tardy Policy: Middle Creek High School's tardy policy is as follows:

1st tardy: Teacher notifies student that they have received a tardy.

2nd tardy: A note is sent home to the parents saying that after the fourth tardy, disciplinary action will be taken.

3rd tardy: A phone call home to your parents.

4th tardy: Student will be assigned two days of lunch detention

5th tardy and on: Student will be written up for excessive tardies.

Grading Scale:

Participation: 10%

Homework: 10%

Class work: 15%

Quizzes: 15%

Tests: 25%

Papers/Projects: 25%

Semester Percentages:

Third Quarter: 37.5%

Fourth Quarter: 37.5%

Final Exam: 25%

Please sign and return by Friday, January, 27, 2006.

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____