



Honors English 12

Ms. Aubrey

Dear 12th Grade English family,

Welcome to 12th Grade English. I am looking forward to the start of the 2015-2016 school year at Neshaminy High School. I am excited about the opportunity to get to know you, and I am looking forward to a happy and productive school year. Senior year is full of opportunity and my hope is that you leave my class with the skills you need for the next step of your journey!

Course Overview:

Twelfth grade English class is a wonderful chance for students to grow as responsible and knowledgeable individuals. It is imperative that students remain focused, motivated and determined throughout the course of the year in order to experience success. Our goal this year is to ensure that you are prepared for the world outside of Neshaminy High School. Course emphasis will be on exposure to diverse forms of British and World Literature ranging from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present, various writing activities, as well as the expansion of research skills. Some titles that we will be reading include, but are not limited to, excerpts from *Beowulf*, *The Canterbury Tales*, and Arthurian Legends, *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare, *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka, *The Stranger* by Albert Camus, and *Night* by Elie Weisel. We will also be working extensively on developing writing and vocabulary skills.

Required Materials:

Students are required to bring the following to class daily:

- ✎ Writing Folder (to stay in classroom)
- ✎ Three Ring English binder with dividers (Please Do Nows, Literary Terms, Vocabulary, and Handouts/Notes) Loose-leaf paper (in binder)
- ✎ Writing utensils (pens, pencils, highlighters)
- ✎ It is suggested to have a flash drive for transporting work to and from school.

We will be referencing and working from the McDougal Littell textbook, *The Language of Literature*, as well as a variety of novels.

*Students will be responsible for the proper care of all textbooks and novels.

Homework Policy:

It is essential that students complete all assigned homework in order to reinforce what we learn in class. Completing at home assignments is vital for students to stay on task during classroom activities. Studies show that family involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. I ask that families work together to complete homework assignments so that students develop a strong sense of responsibility and preparedness. Homework assignments will include reading, short writing assignments, discussion preparation, and major writing assignments, such as essays, research papers, and literary analysis writings. Completing these assignments will allow students to gain a higher level of thinking, as well as meet Pennsylvania standards for reading and writing.

All assignments will be due at the beginning of class on the due date. We will use homework assignments for classroom activities and discussions. Therefore, smaller assignments will not be accepted after the due date, with few exceptions. Major assignments must also be handed in when class begins on the due date. Major assignments that are late must be turned in within one week of the due date and will lose ten percent for each day the assignment is late.

Make Up Work/ Absences:

A student who is absent for an excused reason will be given on day to make up work for each day he or she was absent. It is the responsibility of the student who was absent to obtain materials and information that were missed (all information will be posted on my website and/or find a friend to check in with about missing assignments).

Evaluation:

Each assignment will be worth a specific amount of points. Students may divide the total number of points earned by the total number of possible points in order to gain a better understanding of his or her grade throughout a marking period (some assignments, such as Common Assessments for English 9 will be worth a percentage of a student's grade for the marking period. We will make parents aware of these as the school year progresses). Students and parents/guardians may also gain accessibility to grades and completion of assignments through E-School's Home Access Center. Students will be evaluated on the following; Homework, Classwork, Writing, Tests/Quizzes, and Projects.



Rules and Procedures:

Be Responsible—come to class on time, complete assignments on time. You are responsible for the atmosphere of the classroom!

Be Appropriate—by now you know the rules –be appropriate at all times to ensure a successful school year!

Show Respect - to your teacher and your peers – THIS INCLUDES BELONGINGS! Show Appreciation– we want to ensure that this classroom is a comfortable learning environment for all students! Please be prepared and in your seat when the bell rings.

There will be a daily warm up (Please Do Now) on the board to get your started for the day. We have 45 minutes each day to accomplish many tasks.

Contact Information:

If any family member would like to reach me in order to discuss a student's progress, I can be reached by calling the English Department at (215) 809-6100. My email address is kaubrey@neshaminy.k12.pa.us. I believe that parents and teachers should work as a team to ensure students are receiving the best education possible. I am asking that both students and parents sign this letter and return the bottom portion to me as an agreement in order to make the 2015- 2016 school year the best it can be. Once again, welcome to 12th Grade English! Let's work together to make this last year a great year!

Sincerely,

Kimberly L. Aubrey

I/we have read and understood the above letter regarding the course goals, expectations, and class policies for Honors 12th Grade English.

(Student's Name –Please Print)

(Period)

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

(Parent's Phone Number)

(Parent's Email)

*Please be sure your contact information is up to date on Home Access to ensure clear communication throughout the year. ☺