

Vestaburg High School
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11th Grade English

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Hello, and welcome to 11th Grade English. The 2017-2018 school year is going to be amazing and filled with many challenges that I'm excited to face with all of you. This is my second year of teaching at Vestaburg, and I primarily teach middle school math. However, English is my passion and I'm excited to have the opportunity to work with you all in the English classroom.

Below is a list of guidelines and expectations that will help you be successful during this school year.

Classroom Guidelines and Expectations

1. Respect me, classmates, and the classroom itself. If there is an issue that you are facing, please let me know. Respect and kindness towards each other is a huge emphasis in my classroom.
2. Cell phones should remain out of sight in class, and Chromebooks should be used only at school appropriate time for school appropriate purposes.
3. Needs to leave the classroom outside of emergencies must wait until after instruction. Individual work time or the end of a lesson is a good time to ask. Leaving the classroom will require you to sign-out for safety reasons.
4. Backpacks or any bags are not permitted in the classroom (district policy).
5. Please communicate any issues with me as soon as possible so that I can accommodate to individual needs.

Plagiarism

Our main grading system relies on writing. Due to this, I will not tolerate acts of cheating or plagiarism, or any attempts to help someone cheat or plagiarize. If I become aware of a potential issue, I will meet with you to discuss the issue. If it is determined that plagiarism or cheating has taken place, the violation will result in a 0 on the piece.

Class Materials

For class, you will always need a *personal reading book*, a *writer's notebook*, a *writing utensil*, and *your Chromebook*. Please expect that these will be used daily. Other materials will be provided by myself or will be notified of on an "as needed" basis.

Your Personal Reading

You will be required in class to read for at least 15 minutes every day. You will choose this book yourself. It may be a book from home, from a library, or from my personal library. This reading will count as a grade, and you will be required to read **at least three books per semester**. Reading additional books allows for extra credit opportunities. This may result in the need to read outside of class, as well. The personal reading is graded using:

- Personal conferences to determine that you are reading your book meaningfully
- Small assignments about analyzing your personal books
- Meeting the requirement for reading amount

You are responsible for the content that you consume during personal reading time. Please be mature and responsible in the books that you select during this time. *Note to Guardian: If your student is reading a book that does not align with your expectations for content that your student should consume, please simply allow them to return the book and pick another out.*

Writer's Notebook

We will have many writing assignments throughout the year. Most of these will be completed in your writer's notebook. These are personal notebooks that I will collect or conference over periodically. Keeping a writer's notebook is a key to writing success in class.

Chromebook

We will use our Chromebooks for final draft completion and to help us gather resources for papers. All classroom work and requirements will be posted between my classroom blog and Google Classroom. Please come prepared with your Chromebook daily. The blog can be found at: vcsMoreau.weebly.com

Grades

A final letter grade will be given each semester based on the following:

20% ---Final Exam

60% ---Assessments (eg. final papers, quizzes and tests)

20% ---Classwork (eg. daily reading)

All assessments and exams will be graded using rubrics that will vary based on the assignment.

Late Work

Work may be redone and resubmitted through the end of the unit. However, if the work is from a previous unit, I will not accept it for a late grade. All late work must be made up before the final unit assessment. It is your responsibility to discuss any needs for late work/missing work that you have.

11th Grade English Topics:

Memoir and Writer's Notebook

SAT Prep

Non-Fiction Independent Reading

Narrative and Satire

Literary Essay

Informational Reading

Informational Essay and Research

Argumentation