**ENGLISH 12 – BRITISH LITERATURE**

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You have finally made it to the last English class of your high school years. Congratulations! Think about all you have accomplished to get here. I am excited to be working with you this semester and I wish you much success. In order for us to work together, I have guidelines you need to understand and follow. Please keep your copy all semester so that there will be no question about what is expected of you.

English 12 Guidelines: Please come to class prepared to work. Make sure to have a pen/pencil, a notebook, and a 3 ring binder with paper with you each and every day in class.

1. Put your name, date, and the title of the assignment on every paper you turn in to me. It is your responsibility to claim papers that do not have names on them.
2. No food or drink will be allowed in this classroom. Water in a bottle with a lid is acceptable, but it must have a lid.
3. Please clean up after yourself. I take pride in my room and I try to provide you with an attractive learning space. Please respect that.
4. Please be in your seats when the bell rings. **Do not** stand in the doorway while waiting on the tardy bell.
5. DO NOT sleep during class. I consider this a sign of disrespect to me and your fellow students. If you sleep during class, you will be asked to stand at the back of the room.
6. Please visit the restroom before coming to class. Leaving the classroom will be limited to emergencies.
7. Please be respectful of my desk area and do not intrude on my personal space.
8. Please do not work on assignments for other classes while in my class. We have a lot to cover this semester, but if you need more work in order to keep busy, I will provide you with work.
9. If you are absent, please see me before and after class to find out what you have missed. Please do not ask me about missed work during instructional time. I will not take time away from our daily work and/or instruction to gather “missed” work.
10. PLEASE do not put me in the position of having to deal with electronic devices (cell phones, i pods, notebooks/tablets/e-readers, etc.). I will NOT have my devices out during class and I expect the same respect from you. I will not ignore the use of electronic devices during class.
11. Please refer to the honor code for procedures involving cheating. Cheating will NOT be tolerated.
12. Be respectful to everyone in this classroom at all times. Do not infringe on the rights’ of others!

Grading Policy & Homework:

* I do not believe in assigning work just to keep you busy – known as “busy work” – and I will not assign work that has no value to the learning process.
* I will not drop or curve grades, so it is important to do your best on every assignment.
* I may offer extra credit – I will let you know about extra credit opportunities as the semester progresses.
* I use the weighted grading system. All daily grades will count one time toward your final grade and all tests will count twice. All projects will count as test grades. The NCFE will count as 20% of your final grade.
* I will not assign homework every night; however, when I do assign homework, I expect it to be completed.

English 12 Supplies Needed: You will need these items every day in class!

1. You will need a composition book (one **without** the spiral wire).

2. You will need loose leaf notebook paper.

3. You will need a three-ringed binder.

4. Pen/Pencil (blue or black ink only)

Special Notes: \* DO NOT throw ANYTHING AWAY!!

\* ONLY English work should be kept in your notebook and/or binder.

 \* If you have difficulties obtaining these items, please see me for assistance.

\* There will be announced and unannounced notebook checks. These checks will count as test grades. If you do not have your notebook in class, you will receive a zero.

\* We will do a writing assignment every day in class.

\* We will do Daily Grammar Practice every day in class.

\* We will work on vocabulary every day in class.

\* We will work on British Literature every day in class.

Agenda: We will concentrate on six units this semester:

\* Anglo-Saxons, Old English, Epic Hero (*Beowulf*), & Epic Tale

\* Middle Ages, Middle English, Chaucer, *The Canterbury Tales*, Arthurian legends

\* Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

\* British Romantics – Oscar Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

\* British Short Stories & Ballads

\* The Age of Responsibility – *Lord of the Flies*

One last note: I maintain a class website that can be accessed through the school’s faculty directory. My website is maintained on a weekly basis. It allows you to obtain missed notes, to check to see what we will be working on in class each week, to get information about tests, projects, and for important dates/events at school. I generally update the site weekly. This site is maintained as a resource for students and parents. Feel free to go to the site as often as needed for information about our class.

New Ten Point Grading Scale:

A = 100 – 90

B = 89 – 80

C = 79 – 70

D = 69 – 60

F = 59 – 0

Again, I am looking forward to working with all of you this semester. My class is not easy, but your success is my first priority! I am here to help you succeed; however, I am not a mind reader. If you need help, please come see me. If you study, participate in class, attempt to do well on every assignment, exhibit a positive attitude, and attend class, you will have no problem being successful. Just remember that the class is what you make it, so let’s work together to make it great.

Please sign and return this portion for my records.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student-print name) and

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have read and understand the requirements for English 12. I agree to the policies and

procedures that are expected of me/my child.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns: amrice@clevelandcountyschools.org

**Note to parent**: Your student receives extra credit if you email me your email address or

put your email address on the “Student Information” sheet.