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English II – World Literature

Fall 2020

Welcome to the Fall 2020 semester and English II! We will spend the semester focusing on improving our reading and writing skills.

In English II we will explore World Literature. This is an opportunity to learn more about other cultures and thus learn more about our own as well. We will view various documents from the vantage point of a cultural anthropologist.

Utilizing informational text, short stories, novels, poetry, and content based texts we will improve our overall reading abilities. We will focus on the Common Core Standards as they pertain to reading to improve our skills and master the foundations of analytical reading.

Writing will be the cornerstone of our class. Students will write analytical essays in order to demonstrate mastery of material and journal entries in order to guide their discussions.

**Grades:**

Per school guidelines grades will be broken down into two categories Practice (Try) and Performance (Do). Practice (Try) will account for 40% of your overall grade while Performance (Do) will account for 60% of your overall grade.

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| Type of Grade | Overall Percent | Examples |
| Practice (Try) | 40% | Homework, Classwork, Journals, Discussions, Rough Drafts, |
| Performance (Do) | 60% | Projects (Final Portion), Quizzes, Tests, Final Drafts, Reading Assessments |

**Late Work:** Please complete work in a timely fashion. I understand that being remote sometimes causes issues with completing work by the due date. Please email me if you are struggling at all. Let me help you. Upon returning to the classroom environment we must be as diligent as possible as it pertains to turning work in on time. Latitude will be provided ☺

**Plagiarism:** Also called cheating, plagiarism is a very serious offense and absolutely will not be tolerated in this classroom or this school. If you are caught plagiarizing (more than three words in a row) or cheating you will receive a zero on the entire assignment. If you plagiarize one sentence in a five page essay you will receive a zero for the entire assignment. Please don’t steal the work of others.

**Extra Credit Work:** Extra credit work will only be provided to students who complete regular work. I will not create and grade extra work for students who wish to bring up their grade after failing to complete regular work.

**Remote Learning:** Everyone is experiencing their own struggles with the pandemic. While we might not be on the same boat we are in the same ocean. It’s my hope we can all work together. I am here to help. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Please utilize my office hours and attend zoom class meetings in order to be as successful as you can be in this course. Remember it’s not about passing with an A – it’s about learning and growing ☺

**Learning Platforms:** We will use Google Classroom and CommonLit.Org