**English 1H/Humanities 2H**

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**Course Description:**

This course is designed to enhance student literacy skills by examining various works of literature and practicing through fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and writing. Students will learn and apply text-marking, parts of speech, and multiple literary elements to assist. We will use **Florida Collections grade 9** published by Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt. We will also utilize other technology literacy resources such as Reading Plus, Khan Academy**,** Avid Weekly Articles, Upfront, SATpractice.org, Vocabulary.com and Unify assessments as well as examine informational texts and non-fiction as well as fiction material. We will research collaboratively to help enhance literacy via Avid strategies as well. This class is a fluid class which means that we will have the same students in English as Humanities as well as work on reading and literacy skills at various times throughout each class period. Online students as well as face-to-face students will collaborate in the same classroom at the same, meaning, our virtual students have no discrepancies to our face-to-face students. Each student is expected to work hard and turn in assignments in a prompt manner as well as be present each day. Students not present in class should log onto Canvas and click the calendar. There, you will see the daily meeting link through Teams. Click the link and then you can join our class.

**Materials needed for class:**

Avid Binder-$10 at school store

College-ruled Paper

Black Pens/Dixon Ticonderoga pencils

Highlighters-multiple colors

Agenda-$3 at bookstore

Mini-stapler

USB Drive (For saving online content)

3-hole puncher

Post-it Sticky Notes

Post-it Flags

\*Note, however, that online students need merely their PC. Also note that much content will be delivered and collected electronically so you are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to bring a personal laptop and/or Smartphone device to access materials. Most materials will be accessible via Clever or our online platform, Canvas.

**Grading scale:**

A 90-100% Outstanding progress

B 80-89% Above average progress

C 70-79% Average progress

D 60-69% Lowest acceptable progress

F 0-59% Did not meet passable criteria

**Grading policy:**

Students are strongly encouraged to keep all documents electronic or otherwise in order to verify missing, inaccurate or incomplete grades. Assignments are divided in the following categories:

*Quizzes*-20 points-This may include pop quizzes and emphasis is on vocabulary/grammar

*Tests-*40-50 points

*Classwork*-20-50 points-You will get a grade every time you come to class!

*Homework*-10/20 points-Including Khan Academy

*Projects*-50 points

*Avid Binders-*100 points per quarter (Approximately 15% of overall grade)-You will need your binder complete and organized with all my content in notebook. This needs to be organized and brought to class every day. This may include electronic binder that we will discuss in class.

*Bonus/Extra credit* – 2-5 points or more may be given for students per class with exemplary classroom participation. This includes reading aloud or going above and beyond in school work/participation.

Not-acceptable behavior:

1. Borrowing pencil/pen from teacher
2. Not being engaged/sleeping in class
3. Not bringing paper/pen/highlighter to class and borrowing from teacher

The expectation is that ALL STUDENTS be actively engaged, especially during the beginning of class as class should begin with direct instruction and end with turned in assignment.

**Pinellas County School Board Attendance and Late Work Policies:**

* Work not turned in on time is given a grade of “0” when student is present.
* Work with no name is given a grade of “0.”
* The number of make-up days are equal to the number of **excused** absent days i.e., if the student has missed 3 days due to illness, the student can receive 3 days grace period to turn in work for full credit. After, it will become a “0.”
* ***(Quoted from PCSB guidelines)* I. MAKE-UP WORK FOR ABSENCES** **(EXCUSED, UNEXCUSED OR SUSPENSION)**. (This does not apply to specific homework provided under F.S. § 1003.01 to certain suspended students.)
* Make-up work for full credit and without a grade penalty is allowed for **all** absences. It is the *student’s responsibility* to obtain the missed work. The number of days allowed to make up the work shall be equal to the number of days the student was absent, except in cases where the grading period ends before such time. In those cases, the work must be turned in before the end of the grading period.
* Any student that misses work due to absence must make it up by accessing content online and completing.
* Cheating, copying, or plagiarism will result in automatic “0” and discipline follow-up to include parent/guardian notification and other disciplinary procedures.

**Student expectations:**

1. Be prepared. Come to class early with Avid binder and proper classroom equipment.
2. Be cooperative. Actively engage on class activities and procedures. Please stay on task and work diligently.
3. Be responsible-Complete all assignments in a timely manner. Students are responsible for all computers and texts.
4. Be respectful. Be respectful to yourself, your colleagues, and your teacher. Behavior that is not respectful may result in:
5. Warning
6. Seat relocation
7. Phone call to guardian/Administrative referral

**Classroom expectations:**

* Any time that a student must leave the class, they must get a blue pass from the teacher.
* Restroom use is after the 1st 10 minutes and before the last 10 min. of class with permission. DO NOT ASK WHILE TEACHER IS TALKING/INSTRUCTING!!! Please return promptly. If there is an emergency that requires extra time, contact me before leaving. Use restroom ruler by door.
* No food, gum, candy, or fluid other than clear water is allowed.
* **Do not interrupt direct instruction when teacher is speaking!** i.e. to go the restroom
* All assignment headings: *Top Left*-Name, Date, Class Period, Assignment Title.
* The school wide dress code and tardy policy must always be followed. This means no hats, sagging pants, or drug/alcohol related clothes. If late, for periods 3-8, students will receive a 1-hour detention and not admitted to class without a tardy slip. Students late 45 minutes for 1st period will receive “absent.”
* There will be no inappropriate use of cell phones in class unless teacher allows for assignments**.**
* \*I do contact parents for improper behavior via e-mail or telephone. I also consult coaches.

**Stopping the Spread of Germs:**

* \*The **3 W's** can make a big difference in controlling #**COVID19**: Wear a mask, Wash your hands, Watch your distance.
* We are living in an age of technology and illness. This means that we will attempt to mitigate germs being spread by using fewer physical materials such as books and printables and using more tech (technology) and apps (applications) washing hands or using hand sanitizer, keeping 6 feet of distance between any person, and avoiding large groups. Please do this each day! If you are uncomfortable with the wearing of masks, you can take a break in the bathroom. Take your lanyard and clip your mask to it in the bathroom. If you need to blow your nose or disinfect your hands by washing, please do so in the bathroom. If you are sick, STAY HOME!!! If you are having Covid-19 symptoms you should stay home. If you have contracted or have been in contact with *anyone with Covid-19 and* have been in *any form of contact with ANYONE at school* or even went into a PCSB building, you MUST notify guardian, teacher, administrator, principal, and PCSB district IMMEDIATELY! This is to reduce the spread of this current pandemic.

\*Please pin this sheet and hold it for reference