

ENGLISH 12

The following is a list of criteria that you will be expected to fulfill in order to receive a passing grade in the class. This class is designed to enhance, teach, modify, and build your grasp on the English language and the aspects of it. This includes, but is not exclusive to, reading, writing, and speaking. I do not expect all of you to love, or even like, English but I do expect that you cooperate and follow the course outline.

I. Reading - We will be doing an extensive amount of reading in and out of class. You will be exposed to and apply your knowledge to the following types of texts:

- A. Short Stories
- B. Novels
- C. Essays
- D. Informative Articles
- E. Plays
- F. Poems
- G. Your own and other students' writings

II. Writing - We will also be doing an extensive amount of writing in this class. Your writing ability will be assessed in many varieties:

- A. Short Answer Questions
- B. Essay Questions
- C. In-class Writing Assignments
- D. Type Written Papers
- E. Homework Assignments
- F. Projects
- G. Resumes
- H. College Application Letters

III. Speaking - We will be doing a few projects that require oral presentations. Your ability to speak in front of an audience will be assessed from these projects. This can be nerve racking for some of you but we will work through it.

IV. Participation - This counts as a grade in my class. There are many ways to participate (which are listed below). Once again, these are not exclusive. There may be forms, which I have not listed.

- A. Reading aloud in class
- B. Volunteering answers

- C. Asking questions
- D. Attentive listening
- E. Being prepared for class
- F. Helping the teacher
- G. Helping others
- H. Performing well in group activities
- I. Performing well during class time work
- J. Being on time to class
- K. Not being disruptive
- L. Having fun

IV. Written Assignments and Homework - These are due on the day that they are assigned. I will accept some assignments late but there will be a point deduction. Some assignments I will not accept late, for these you will receive a zero if they are not turned in.

V. Projects and Group Work - We will be doing some projects and group work throughout the year. You are expected to participate. If you have a serious problem with one of the members of your group, we will try to correct or adjust it. See me first before it gets out of hand.

VI. Tests and Quizzes - After each unit and major reading assignment, there may be a test. Test questions are usually a combination of matching, true/false, multiple choice, short answer and essay. Quizzes are given orally. If you miss a quiz, you do not have to make it up. Points do not count for or against you, unless the absence was unexcused or a cut. Quizzes will be announced or they will be pop quizzes. You must be prepared.

VII. Research Paper – You will be writing at least one major research paper. We will spend a good deal of class time working on this, but you will have to work outside of class as well.