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English I Course Syllabus for 2010-2011

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Course Description: English I is a college prep course that will develop strong literary skills, by equipping the students to be critical thinkers, analytical writers, comprehensive readers, and articulate speakers. English I will read two novels *The Odyssey* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a play *Romeo and Juliet*, and several short stories in the *McDougall Littell Anthology*. Students will also be expected to do outside reading on AR books. Students will learn to write an analytical paper that will prepare them to build strong and persuasive arguments. They will learn the structure of an essay which includes a thesis, topic sentences, an introductory paragraph, supporting body paragraphs, and a conclusion. This course will require active participation in class discussion. Writing will be weighed the most in class, and a writing portfolio will be created to document students' work. In this course we will learn that literature reflects important historical perspectives, social reform, and most importantly, allusions from the Bible. We will learn literary devices to enhance our understanding of the novels such as figurative language, similes, metaphors, irony, and symbolism. Students need to complete their assignments on time and finish their readings prior to class.

*Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.*

Psalms 51:6

Required Textbooks:

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee ISBN #0-446-31078-6

McDougall Littell Anthology

Promptness and Preparation for class:

1. Please be on time -- When the bell rings, students must be in their seats, otherwise they will be marked tardy. More than three tardies will result in a disciplinary referral.
2. Always come prepared and bring assigned books, textbook, notebook, pens, and pencil.
3. Please read assignments on the whiteboard and write them in the planner before leaving class.
4. Homework assignments and essays must be stapled and are due at the beginning of the period when the bell rings. (No paper clips!)
5. Organize papers in binders. Prepare dividers with these specific categories: notes, HW, Quiz/Test, Review)

Rules/Contract for Class:

1. One Voice Rule -- When the teacher or a student is speaking in class, there are to be no other voices and everyone needs to be attentive.
2. Please respect one another:
 - Treat others fairly
 - Use respectful words
 - Violence is prohibited
3. Be on Time!
4. No Food or Drinks & no cell usage or texting during class. Cell phones, iPod and iTouch will be confiscated. Students will be able to pick up device at the school office after school.
5. Please finish assigned readings prior to class.

Grade Calculations:

Homework Assignments = 10%

Writing Essays = 50%

Tests/projects/speeches = 25%

Final Exam = 15%

Rules for Written Work:

1. Needs to be in standard heading (name, date, class period, and type of assignment (e.g. test, quiz, timed write, etc.) on 8-1/2 by 11" paper, have **1" margins**, and in **font size 12, Times New Roman**.

2. All **Essays** -- rough drafts, final drafts, and certain journal writes must be typed, double-spaced. Essay Heading must be in MLA format:

Your name (last name, first name)

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Instructor's name (Miss Jea)

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Class information (English I)

Date (January 19, 2010)

3. Any assignments with illegible hand-writing will be returned, and need to be resubmitted. They will be counted as late work.
4. All essays, both rough and final drafts, must be submitted to **www.turnitin.com**. Essays not submitted will receive 50 percent credit maximum.

Late Work:

If a student is absent and misses an assignment, he or she is responsible to get the homework assignment. It must be turned in within **3 days** for any credit.

If a student misses an exam or quiz, he or she will have to schedule a make-up exam within **two days of their return**. Homework that is not complete at the beginning of the period will be counted as late work.

** Ten percent will be deducted per day for late assignments.

Honor Code:

No Plagiarism in any writing assignments: essays, speech, free write.

No copying another student's work.

No cheating on test or exam.

Consequences: Receive a 0% on the assignment and face academic referral.

Accelerated Reader (AR):

All students in English I must earn a minimum of 35 AR points per semester, for a total of 70 points for the school year. The reading level must be 4.0 and above.

I have fully read and will abide by the English I course description and class discipline.

Parent or Guardian **Please Print**

Parent or Guardian (Sign)

Date

Student **Please Print**

Student (Sign)

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