

HONORS ENGLISH

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Conference Availability / Office Hours

I'm available during Wildcat Assistance and before and after school except Wednesdays

Mrs.
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MAJOR WORKS



Kite Runner/A Thousand Splendid Suns:

- Why do good people do bad things?
- How are people transformed through their relationships with others?



The Great Gatsby:

- How does self-reflection (looking inward) enable us to understand the world around us?
- Can money buy happiness?



Othello:

- How can language manipulate?
- How can rhetoric persuade?
- What is the nature of power and how do people get it, take it and use or abuse it?
- What drives individuals to commit evil acts, even seemingly good people?
- How do appearances, reputations, and social roles influence how people perceive others & themselves?



CLASS GOALS

The themes and skills we will learn transfer to all future endeavors, whether - college, tech school, or career. I want you to leave this class feeling confident in your writing, inferencing, discussing, and close reading skills.

To achieve these goals, we must follow a few simple class norms:

BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE PREPARED, BE FOCUSED

All students are charged to respect and follow the LHS Wildcat Pride expected behaviors.

*I have high expectations for my students;
you should have high expectations for yourself.*

GROWTH & GRADING

Students earn grades for demonstration of learning and/or proficiency.

Grades are not "given."

Grades are posted in Skyward and will be updated as frequently as possible.

Assessment (25%)

Formative & Summative

- exit tickets
- vocab & reading quizzes
- unit vocab, reading comprehension, & literary analysis assessments

Writing (25%)

- journals
- essays
- timed writings
- constructed responses

Classwork (25%)

- close reading
- class discussions & collaborative activities
- vocabulary, reading, and on demand writing activities
- graphic organizers
- multimodal activities

Projects (20%)

- creative & multimodal projects
- presentations

Final Exam (15%)

Comprehensive semester exam

While I do not give extra credit assignments, there may be bonus point opportunities on some quizzes or assignments.

It's an eclectic classroom

"Old School"

notebooks,
handwritten work

"21ST CENTURY"

Google Suite
No Red Ink
Misc. academic sites

What never goes out of style: ACADEMIC INTEGRITY.

Plain and simple: **the work you submit must be your own.**

I refuse to accept AI generated or someone else's work passed off as yours.

Additionally, without observed and obvious class-produced progress, assignments & projects will be returned and marked 0 in the gradebook..

Refer to LHS' academic honesty policy in the student handbook (pg 19) [HERE](#).

English incorporates two of the three basic academic “R’s,” Reading and writing. In addition to these, two other “R’s” will be emphasized and exercised in my classroom at all times:

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY

POLICIES

LATE WORK

Missing work is entered into the gradebook as a **ZERO** - **regardless of reason** - until it is made up. **If not made up within the specified time, the zero is permanent.**

Due dates for assignments will be shared in class & posted in **Google Classroom**. Life happens, and I want you to succeed. Here's how we'll handle late assignments:

- **Automatic 20% reduction** from the earned grade
- **7 school days maximum** to submit for credit
- **Communicate with me** if you're facing major challenges
- **Missing class for school activities or athletics does not excuse meeting due dates.**

If late work becomes a pattern, we will meet to figure out the underlying reason and collaborate to find solutions so you can get your work in on time.

TECH

- **School cell phone policy will be followed - refer to the student handbook ([page 11](#))**

- It is expected you bring your **charged Chromebook** every day to class
- Chromebook used **only when given permission**
- **No games, movies, online shopping, etc. during class.**
- **No photos or video/audio recording of classmates or teacher**

Disregarding these expectations could result in loss of classroom computer privileges and/or disciplinary action.

SUPPLIES

Please bring the following to class daily, unless otherwise notified:

- ☐ **3 subject notebook** (ENGLISH NOTEBOOK)
- ☐ **Charged Chromebook**
- ☐ Pen/Pencil
- ☐ scotch tape
- ☐ Highlighters (5 colors)
- ☐ Sticky notes
- ☐ Completed assignment(s)
- ☐ Independent novel

MISC.

HOODIES - No hoodies are allowed to be covering any student heads in class.

BACKPACKS - Keep backpacks under your desk/by your feet and out of the aisle/walkway to avoid being tripping hazards.

BLANKETS - Absolutely no blankets.

PASSES

Restroom passes:

Wait for an appropriate time to ask to go.

- ☐ One student at a time
- ☐ Focus on the mission: Do not deviate from your destination; go straight there and return promptly.
- ☐ Cell phones **are not allowed** to be taken to the restroom

All passes:

Complete the E-hall pass form, then take the pass next to the door with you.