

English Literature 126

Classroom Policies 2018-2019

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- Mrs. Cotton is available before school from 7:15-7:55, during blocks C and E, and after school until 4:00 after cross country season.
- All homework is posted on eBackpack, and all course materials are posted at cottonenglish.weebly.com

Textbooks

Charlotte Bronte - *Jane Eyre*

Jane Austen - *Pride and Prejudice*

George Orwell - *1984*

Materials including short stories, excerpts from longer works, poetry, and other media available on class website at cottonenglish.weebly.com

Methodology

This class will focus on discussion, writing opportunities, small and large group collaboration, dramatic interpretation and research writing.

Objectives

Students who successfully complete this course will

- Gain knowledge of themes, styles, and philosophies of major British writers
- Understand and apply literary terms
- Gain knowledge of literary movements and forms
- Analyze symbols, archetypes, and themes in British literature
- Practice scansion of poetry
- Prepare for and practice timed writing
- Analyze major British novels and at least one of Shakespeare's plays
- Understand selected grammar and usage rules and practices
- Apply library, notetaking, and study skills

Classroom Policies

- Students must come to class every day prepared to be active participants in their own education. This involves reading carefully, thoughtfully, and academically. They should take class notes every day and use those notes to prepare for exams.
- The classroom is a place for learning. Students' actions and attitudes should consistently reflect that purpose.
- Attendance is essential. A discipline point will be issued for every two unexcused tardies. Excessive absenteeism is a serious matter and will negatively impact the overall grade. The absence policy in the Parent/Student handbook will be used in this classroom. The policy is listed in Section 6.3 of the handbook.
- Homework assignments must be ready at the beginning of class. Technology issues are not excuses for late papers.

- Students will respect each other's space, time, and ideas. They will treat each other with dignity.

Grading Policy

Summative examinations, major compositions and projects will make up 70% of the overall grade. Formative assessments including daily assignments, quizzes, and practice work will make up the remaining 30%. **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If a student is absent on the day an assignment is due, it is expected within two days of the student's return. If a student knows she will be absent, she must make arrangements with the teacher concerning due dates ahead of time. In addition, the Marian High School English department has a policy of giving no extra credit work.

Academic Integrity Policy

Cheating will not be tolerated. Any assignment, test, or paper which evidences cheating will receive a zero and the student will be issued four disciplinary points as stated in the Marian Handbook. Students may not make up points for the assignment, test, project, quiz, or paper.

In written work, plagiarism is the representation of another's work as one's own. The use of excerpts, key phrases, or paraphrasing without acknowledging the sources, or the fabrication of sources, all constitute plagiarism. Any of these methods of plagiarism will result in a grade of 0%, and students will not have the opportunity to revise or replace any such work. Plagiarism is cheating. Discipline points will also be assigned.

Paper Policy

All major English papers and projects are due at a specific time on a specified date as posted online. Major papers and projects turned in late will have no opportunity for full credit, except in the event of a death in the family, hospitalization, or other catastrophic event. Grading for late papers and projects begins at 69%; late papers and projects may be subject for further grade deduction. Failure to submit a major paper or project will result in a grade of 0%, which may result in the failure of the course.

Students will earn two separate grades for each writing assignment: a completion grade and a regular grade. The completion grade will be worth 10% of the total assignment's value. Students will receive full credit for the completion grade only if they submit the assignment to Turnitin by the deadline. Students will receive zero completion points if the assignment is late, if the paper is submitted to the wrong Turnitin assignment, or if the paper is emailed to the teacher and not submitted to Turnitin.

Communication Policy

In keeping with the tradition of developing confident, independent, thinking leaders, students who have a question or concern about their class or grade should first talk to the teacher. If they are unable to reach a consensus, the student should then involve her guidance counselor, who will assist in her self-advocacy. If an issue remains unresolved, the teacher, parent(s) and student will meet. If consensus is not achieved

once the aforementioned communication steps have been taken, the parent(s) should contact the Principal.

iBlock

All students are expected to turn in their homework on the day and time it is due. Any student who does not turn in a homework assignment on time will be assigned an after-school study hall, by the teacher, **on that same day** to make up the assignment.

- Study hall will meet every day, Monday through Friday, for 35 minutes after school. If the student is assigned, attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action as does any unexcused absence from class.
- Teachers will use their discretion in cases where there is a legitimate reason for missing a homework assignment.
- Missing a ride, athletic practice, or work responsibilities are not excuses to be absent from an after school study hall. The student should consider this ahead of time and face the consequences.
- A student on work study must attend the study hall and make up their work study after the study hall period.
- A student must do school work and remain for the full period. If the student has finished the missing assignment, during an earlier study hall, she must work on something else.
- A report with excessive after school study hall time will be sent to parents following each quarter.

iPad Responsibilities

Students will

- Maintain an academic environment at all times. No games, messaging, shopping, etc.
- Keep their iPads on their desks, with the cover closed, at the start of every class. They will not open their iPads unless instructed by the teacher.
- Ensure their iPads are fully charged at the start of the school day.
- Sync their iPads regularly.
- Keep the operating system and apps up to date.
- Have the volume of their iPads muted unless otherwise requested by the teacher.
- Turn off notifications for non-school apps.
- Have non-school apps closed during class.
- "Sleep" the iPad when the teacher is addressing the class or group.
- "Not share passwords or passcodes with others.
- Not use another person's iPad without the owner's permission.
- Always seek permission before taking a photo, video, or audio recording of someone, including teachers; any changes made after the initial recording should also be approved by the people involved.
- Follow all teacher directions regarding iPad use and digital citizenship.
- Know that all iPad infractions are a minimum of 2 points.