

## Class Syllabus

# ENGLISH CLASS

10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HONORS/GIFTED, 2021-2022

### WELCOME!

...to 10<sup>th</sup> grade English! Get ready for a challenging but awesome year. I am so excited to get to know you and to help you grow as a reader, writer, and speaker, as well as to prepare you for your life beyond my class.

### REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Highlighter
- Loose-leaf paper (or paper you can cleanly tear out)
- Independent Reading Book

### BOOKS WE WILL READ

You are **NOT** required to buy ANY books this year. I will provide you with all copies of class books and short stories.

However, some people **CHOOSE** to buy their own copy of books so that they can keep them for the future and ANNOTATE in them.

If you wish to buy ahead, ask your family for gifts, or wait until there's a sale, here's what we plan to read:

- *Of Mice and Men* (Steinbeck)
- *Night* (Wiesel)
- *Julius Caesar* (Shakespeare)

Let me know if you have any questions about these!

### CLASS RULES

1. RESPECT
  - Yourself
  - Your teacher
  - Your classmates
  - Your classroom
2. Don't do anything that keeps Mrs. Quick from teaching or other students from learning.
3. Follow directions.
4. Keep a positive attitude. Don't judge a person, book or assignment too soon.
5. Be prepared. Come ready to learn and be engaged.
6. Ask for help! I can't help you if you are silent when confused.

### GETTING HELP!

There's more than one way!

1. Before School: Ask if I am available to meet in my room or the cafeteria at 7:00AM
2. During Lunch: Ask if I am available to meet you during lunch. Make an appointment with me!
3. After School: Ask if I am available to meet with you after school has ended. Make an appointment with me!
4. Email: Email me before 3:00PM to get an answer the same day.

### YOUR BINDER/FOLDER

The system you use to organize your own binder/folders is up to you, BUT you must have safe places to keep the following:

- Assignments to turn in
- Current assignments we are working on (i.e. study guides for books)
- Bell Ringers

### FINDING & USING BOOKS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

In this class, you will need to find and carry an independent reading book with you to every English class. (More details about our independent reading requirements are on another paper.)

The books you choose must be:

- ☐ School appropriate
- ☐ Ones that your parents would approve of
- ☐ An appropriate length
- ☐ An appropriate reading level (not too easy or difficult)

If you ever need help finding a book, I can recommend some. However, it's a good life skill to not just rely on a teacher. Please also ask a friend or librarian!

If I have a concern about a book you're reading, I'm allowed to "veto" it or contact your parent(s).

### CONTACT MRS. QUICK

[quickk@leonschools.net](mailto:quickk@leonschools.net)

*Please understand that I cannot guarantee email responses after 3:00 PM. Thank you.*

**CLASSROOM BOUNDARIES**

This classroom is OUR classroom, but there are areas that need to be off limits to students so that I can teach effectively, you can be safe, and so you can learn. Please:

- **DO NOT** go behind my desk unless otherwise instructed. This is where my main computer is and I am asking that you respect other student's information as well as my own.
- **DO NOT** go into my office for any reason. This is off limits to students.
- **DO NOT** "borrow" any of my supplies. I have a table set up with supplies for you. These were purchased for you and I ask that you use those first. Please just ask if you need something and I will help you.
- **DO NOT** put your feet/shoes on any of the furniture

**CELL PHONES AND HEADPHONES**

When the bell rings to begin class, cell phones and headphones should be out of sight.

Failure to meet this expectation will result in your device(s) being sent to Student Affairs.\*\*

If time allows at the end of class, you may use your phone only when I indicate you may do so.

\*\*See Chiles handbook for full policy details.

**TARDY POLICY**

Students are tardy when they arrive to class less than 10 minutes after the bell rings.

Students are late when they arrive to class 10 minutes or more after the bell rings. This counts as an unexcused absence.

1<sup>st</sup> tardy: Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> tardy: Call home

3<sup>rd</sup> tardy: Referral

4+ tardy: Referral and counted as Late (unexcused absence)

**GRADING SCALE**

Assignments are not weighted in my class.

Assignments are graded using a points-based system. All grades will be posted to FOCUS.

Chiles High School Grading Scale

Grade	Percent
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

This course is a graduation requirement. If you earn an "F" for a semester, you will have to retake the course.

I will keep all of your work. I post your grades usually within a day of the assignment. It is your responsibility to check your grades. If you ever have any issues with a grade, please feel free to come and talk to me. I will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

**LATE WORK**

You will lose 10% each day your assignment is late. This percentage will be taken off the grade that you earned on the assignment.

**ABSENT WORK**

Work missed due to absence must be made up ASAP.

**It is YOUR responsibility to make up missed work.**

Make up work will NEVER be done during class time. We are always going to be working on something new in class. Make up work is for you to do on your own time. You may come and see me before school, during lunch, or after school to make up a test. You need to schedule when you are coming to see me. I will not remind you about what you are missing. It is your responsibility to check on assignments.

All assignments will be posted on the board for each day and on planbook. It is your responsibility to write down any homework assignments.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

All work that you submit must be your own. Cheating in any form (on tests, quizzes, assignments, essays, etc.) will result in a zero for the first offense. Further offenses will result in a zero and possible disciplinary action.

**DOCUMENT FORMATTING**

Anytime you are submitting a typed document (either printing it or turning in electronically), make sure it includes the following MLA guidelines:

- Heading on first page (left), containing your name, period, and date
- Centered title
- 1" margins
- Double spacing
- Times New Roman 12
- No extra spaces between paragraphs (or between headings and titles)