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The following materials are required for this class:

- Appropriate Classroom Tools of the Trade: Pens, pencils, erasers, paper, etc.
- 3 subject divided spiral notebook
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide ruled preferred)
- 2 Two-pocket folder
- Highlighter

**If purchasing any of the supplies or books is a problem, please let me know.*

General Guidelines:

1. Participation is required.
2. Students will be responsible for bringing all materials needed for class. I will not issue hall passes for locker visits. If you do not have the supplies needed for class, you will not receive full credit for an assignment.
3. You must read in this class. **You cannot pass this class if you do not read.**
4. Grades are calculated on a total point system. This class revolves around discussion and participation; therefore, your attendance is absolutely necessary for your success in this class.
5. Extra credit is offered sometimes for all students, but it is not offered when you feel you need it at the last minute and does not substitute for an assignment.
6. All Siegel High School rules will apply in our classroom.

ATTENDANCE / MAKE-UP WORK POLICY

Part of my goal for this year is to prepare you to be self-sufficient, thriving learners while preparing you for success outside of the classroom. Therefore, my make-up work and late work policies are very strict. If you do not like them, do not miss class or fail to do your work.

1. Daily homework will not be accepted late if you were in class when it was assigned. If you are absent on the date it is due, it must be turned in the day you return.
2. Projects and papers should never be turned in late- you have plenty of time to complete them. However, each day a major assignment is late, points will be deducted (depending on the size and point worth of the

assignment). If late work becomes a chronic problem, you will lose this privilege and will take a zero on late assignments. After five days, an assignment will not be accepted.

3. Sporting events and extracurricular activities are not a reason to turn in late work. You can email me the assignment or place it in my mailbox in the front office before you leave for an activity.

4. You are responsible for obtaining and completing all make-up work assignments. County policy gives students 5 days to complete missing assignments if absent for a **legitimate reason**. If you miss a test or quiz, you must schedule a time to complete it- **before or after school**. If a student returns from an absence on a test day that has previously been scheduled, they will be expected to take that test on that day. **This is non-negotiable.**

5. If you cannot attend before or after school to complete a test or quiz, then you do not need to miss a test or quiz.

REQUIRED READING

This year we will read a variety of texts. The following are set texts that we will read; as English/Language Arts is a flexible subject, we will add current event articles that are aligned to the curriculum and are closely related to the topics discussed in each literary piece. (For example: When reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* students could read recently published articles and texts about the Civil Rights Movement as they are related to the novel.)

<p><u>Quarter 1</u> <i>The Odyssey</i>, Homer <i>The Greek Gods</i> by Bernard Evslin, Dorothy Evslin, and Ned Hoopes</p>	<p><u>Quarter 3</u> <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>, Harper Lee “Equal Rights for Women,” Shirley Chisholm “Ain’t I a Woman,” Sojourner Truth Articles on the Civil Rights Movement</p>
<p><u>Quarter 2</u> <i>The Cask of Amontillado</i>, Edgar Allan Poe <i>The Interlopers</i>, Saki <i>A Sound of Thunder</i>, Ray Bradbury <i>The Masque of the Red Death</i>, Edgar Allan Poe <i>The Most Dangerous Game</i>, Richard Connell <i>Gift of the Magi</i>, O. Henry <i>The Scarlet Ibis</i>, James Hurst <i>Lamb to the Slaughter</i>, Roald Dahl</p>	<p><u>Quarter 4</u> <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>, William Shakespeare Articles on modern day arranged marriages</p> <p><u>Summer Reading</u> <i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i>, Mitch Albom <i>The Book Thief</i>, Markus Zusak</p>

Classroom Guidelines, Consequences, and Rewards

All Siegel High School rules will apply in our classroom. Students are also asked to:

Be respectful- Show respect for others in the class, the teachers, and yourself. Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.

Be prepared- Bring your composition notebook, paper, and writing utensil to class everyday.

Be on time- Tardies will be given if you are not in your seat when the bell rings.

After a certain amount of tardies, you will receive consequences.

Refer to your passport for details.

If a student chooses to follow classroom guidelines, they may be rewarded with the following:

Individual or group privileges, creative activities, positive contact with parents, free reading time, games, and other appropriate recognition.

Classroom Procedures

Arrival- upon entering the classroom, sharpen pencils if necessary, sit down in your seat, and begin your bell work silently on your own.

During class- follow all instructions and save trash until after class. Please refrain from throwing trash into the trashcans from your seat.

Bathroom/water/nurse/locker policy:

- a. Please do not ask to leave class unless there is an emergency. Anyone who consistently asks to leave will need to schedule an individual conference with the teacher.
- b. Use the time between classes wisely. You should have plenty of time to go to your locker and use the restroom.
- c. You will not be allowed to go to your locker once class has begun.

Dismissal from class- pack up your belongings only after you have been asked to do so. The bell does not dismiss you; the teacher does. Clean the area around your desk before you leave.

Paper Heading- label all work in the top right hand corner of your paper (name, date, and class period). Title your paper on the top left hand line.

Talking/Asking questions- please raise your hand if you have a question. Wait for the teacher to call on you to talk.

Turning in Papers- in class, homework, and make up assignments will be placed in your class period's folder in the assignment box at the front of the room.

Cell phones- There is a time and place for cell phones. Most of the time, the classroom is not that place. I will follow the penalties listed in the Siegel High School Passport.

Gum/ Drinks/ Snacks

Students are allowed to chew gum and have drinks with screw on lids. Open containers of liquid and snacks will not be permitted in the classroom.

Grading Policy

Grades are based on total points. Each assignment will be given a different point value, and the final average will be determined by dividing the points earned by points possible.

Example:

Quiz 1= 10/10 pts

Homework 1= 5/7 pts

Test 1= 45/50 pts

Points: 60/67

Average: 90

Classroom Culture

We will work hard to create a positive classroom culture and celebrate that culture in many ways. In instances where that culture is disrupted, consequences will be enforced.

I look forward to working with you this year! Let's make the most of the opportunity we have and do our best to work together!

My signature indicates that Ms. Shipley has discussed these procedures with me and that I understand them.

Signed _____

Date _____