



### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to the 2008 – 2009 school year at Jericho High School! This English course is designed to provide you with a strong foundation in reading and writing. Some of the literary works we will read this year include: *The Catcher in the Rye*, *Lord of the Flies*, *Julius Caesar*, and *Animal Farm*. We will meet in room 261 every day and in the computer writing lab in room 262 on alternating days. We will read and study works from various genres, such as poetry, short stories, novels, and plays. In conjunction with the literature we read, we will also master our writing skills. As a student in this class, you will be expected to read and write often and to be a positive contributing member during class sessions. Please read the following expectations carefully to help ensure your success in the upcoming year. Keep this as the first page of your binder.

### REQUIRED MATERIALS

You are expected to bring the following materials to class every day:

1. Pens, highlighters, and Post-It notes
2. Three ring binder with plenty of loose-leaf paper divided into the following sections:
  - Literature
  - Writing
  - Vocabulary
3. Textbook or other reading material

### CLASS BEHAVIOR / PARTICIPATION

Participation in discussion and class activities is an integral part of this course and has a significant impact on your grade. Your responsibilities in this class are:

1. To attend class regularly (at least 90% of the time)
2. To attend class on time
3. To be prepared for class, including completing all reading and homework assignments
4. To meet deadlines (late work, if excepted at all, will significantly lower your grade)
5. To ask questions when you don't understand
6. To avoid eating and drinking in class
7. To never use your cell phone, iPod, or other electronic devices in class

### GRADING POLICY

Keep all graded papers and handouts in your English binder for reference. Your grade each marking period is based on the following:

1. Class participation, behavior, and preparation
2. Homework, which will be assigned each day and written on the board (if you are absent you will find the assignment on the class website)
3. Tests and quizzes (including the occasional pop quiz)
4. Essay assignments, take-home projects, and your writing portfolio
5. Class work, in-class projects, and group work

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