

Syllabus for Ms. Golden's English III in Room 1046

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Required Materials:

- One subject spiral notebook or composition journal to serve as your writer's journal.
- Notebook paper.
- Pencils/Pens.
- Highlighters (Can also be borrowed from Ms. Golden as needed).

If you have any issues getting the materials you need, talk to Ms. Golden!

Daily Procedures:

1. Come in **on time** and check the pickup shelf for handouts or worksheets.
2. Sit down and open your writer's journal.
3. Check the board for a writing prompt and complete the warmup in your journal.
4. Any paperwork will be turned into the bin on Ms. Golden's desk.
5. Digital work will be submitted on Teams or My Perspectives.
6. Students are not permitted to leave the classroom in the first ten minutes or last ten minutes of class except in emergency situations. You have time between classes to go to the restroom or vending machine.
7. If you need to leave class, you may trade your phone for a hall pass. I will keep the phone on my desk until you come back. If you do not return my hall pass I cannot return your phone!

Rules:

1. **Be on time.** You will be counted tardy if you are not in your seat with your writer's journal when the bell rings.
2. **Be Prepared.** Bring your writer's journal every day. If you think you might forget it, leave it in the classroom before you leave every day. There will be a bin for them. Bring your school computer/textbook. Make sure you have paper and pencil. Stay organized and keep up with your class materials.
3. **Be Respectful.** Some of the readings we will complete in this class will cover serious topics, and some of us may disagree about them. Remember to always be considerate and mindful of your classmates and your teacher. **We will work together to establish what respectful**

discussion looks like in our classroom during the first week of class. But there are some things that are non-negotiable. No one in this classroom is permitted to use profane or vulgar language, and any form of slurs or offensive language will not be tolerated. (If you wouldn't say it to my very religious grandmother, do not say it in my classroom)

4. **Be Productive.** We only see each other for a short time each day. Come ready to learn with all your materials. Stay focused and on-task and minimize distractions. That means knowing when it is acceptable to talk and when it is not and getting your work done.
5. **Take Care of Our Classroom.** Do not move the desks. They are set up the way they are for a reason. If you need to charge something, plug it in and go back to your seat. I have some extra chairs we can set devices on so they aren't on the floor. If you spill something, clean it up. I have paper towels; all you have to do is ask for them. Do not leave trash on the floor.

Consequences:

First Violation: verbal warning

Second Violation: verbal warning and/or parent phone call

Third Violation: referral to administration

Late Work:

I **do** accept late work. If you are unable to complete an assignment on time, or you miss class, talk to me in person or send me a message. The pickup shelf in the front of our room also has extra copies of our most recent assignments. If you are absent, check the shelf for any worksheets or handouts. You are responsible for checking with me for missing work and completing missed work during your own time. Keep an eye on StudentVue. If you have a zero, check with me to see what you missed! Missed tests must be made up outside of class with me. I arrive early and stay late most days, come talk to me!

Homework:

Most work for this class can be completed within the class period each day. However, there may be times when you need to bring something home and finish it outside of class. There may also be times when class gets interrupted (pep rallies, fire drills, etc.) and I ask you to complete an assignment at home. In these cases, work will be due the next day.

Cell Phone Policy:

Your cell phone should stay in your bag or pocket during class. There will be times when you are allowed to use your phone for class, but otherwise, it should be put away. This also applies to headphones/earbuds. There will be times when I will allow you to listen to music during independent work, but otherwise, your headphones should be put away. Consequences for using your phone during class are as follows:

1. Warning

2. Phone taken up for the rest of class
3. Phone taken up for the rest of the day
4. Phone turned into the office and parents will have to collect

Food and Drink Policy

Food and drink are permitted in the classroom, as long as it does not become a distraction. You are expected to clean up after yourself. Do not leave a mess in our classroom.

Grading Policy

Columbia Central Grading Scale:

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

All assignments are graded on a point system, and the point value for the assignment will be listed.

I grade to mastery, which means that if you receive a grade that you are unhappy with, you have the opportunity to resubmit certain assignments with corrections. Come talk to me.

Course Content:

Unit One: Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Tales: The American Short Story.

Unit Two: Writing Freedom: Words that Shaped a Nation.

Unit Three: The Individual and Society: Fitting in, or Standing Out?

Unit Four: Power, Protest, and Change: A Spirit of Reform.

Unit Five: Grit and Grandeur: The Importance of Place.

Unit Six: Facing Our Fears: Victims and Victors.

Disclaimer

All information in this syllabus is subject to change throughout the year. For the most up-to-date version of course policies and content, check our Teams page for a link to the most recent syllabus edition. I will also announce any big changes to policies and content in class. If you have any questions about the syllabus, do not hesitate to contact me. Let's have a great year!!