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FRESHMAN ENGLISH

Policies

Don’t compare your beginning to someone else’s middle.

-- Anonymous

Tardiness

Policy will be followed according to MCHS Handbook. See page 19 for more information.

Electronic Devices

Personal use of electronic devices is not allowed during class. If one is needed for an assignment, further instructions will be given at that time.

Late Work

Late work is unacceptable. Anything not handed in on time will result in a zero.

Cheating

Cheaters should be punished! It is completely unacceptable, and students will receive consequences, which includes failure of the assignment and an administrative referral.

Absences

It is the student’s responsibility to request make up work and complete it in a timely manner. If you are not here, you are not learning.

Respect

Respect yourself. Respect your peers. Respect the teacher. Respect the classroom. It’s simple.

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 **@MCHSBernardi**

Meet Your Teacher

Education: High School diploma from MCHS; Bachelor’s Degree from Illinois State University in English with Teaching Certificate and a Minor in Spanish.

Favorite Books: *To Kill a Mockingbird, The Fault in Our Stars, Salt to the Sea, Out of the Easy,* and *Me Before You*

Athletics/Activities: Head Poms Coach, Yearbook Adviser, & Literary Festival Sponsor

Family: Married Pete in July 2014

**Course Description:** This course helps the student develop a general background in four major genres: narrative, novel, poetry, and drama. Included throughout the year are assignments dealing with grammar skills and writing.

**Major Texts Used:**

 (1) Elements of Literature: Third Course

 (2) *Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

 (3) *The Odyssey* by Homer

 (4) *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

 (5) Grammar Workbook

**Grading Scale:**

Grades: Total Points

85% 18 Week Grade

15% Final Exam

(A) 92--100

 (B) 83--91

 (C) 74--82

 (D) 65--73

 (F) 0--64

**Required Materials:** On a daily basis, you need to bring:

 1 1/2 inch binder

 Labeled dividers

 *Semester 1: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Novel, Mythology, Grammar & Writing*

 *Semester 2: Poetry, Trojan War, Odyssey, Romeo and Juliet, Grammar & Writing*

 Pens, Pencils, Highlighters

 Post-It Notes

 Spiral Notebook (or loose leaf in binder)

 MCHS Planner

 Grammar Workbook

 Current textbook/novel