

# 10th & 12th Grade English

Mr. Miller

English and Literature play a very large role in each of our lives. As a teacher I want to help my students understand that role, and see how it can influence their lives for the better. It is my hope to make this an interactive class where students feel comfortable to share their thoughts and ideas. I feel students can learn as much or more from their peers as they can from listening to me.

I am prepared to help any students who are falling behind or not understanding the class curriculum in any way I can. I will be at the school no later than 7:30 A.M. and will stay until at least 3:00 P.M. If those times aren't convenient you can call me at the school at 489-2870 between 7:30 and 7:45 in the morning, or between 2:45 and 3:00 in the afternoon to make an appointment.

I am very excited to have you in my class this year and expect it to be a great experience for all of us. I will do my best to teach in a very understanding and meaningful way. And I expect you to be attentive and put forth your best effort in class. Much of my focus this year will be on perspective and self-reflection, so I expect to have a lot of discussion

## Expectations

Success in the classroom depends on respect: Respect me, your classmates, and yourself. This means that you will:

- Be in your assigned seat **WHEN THE BELL RINGS.**
- Bring all of the required materials to class **EVERY DAY.**
- No cheating. Cheating will result in a zero
- Raise your hand when you want to speak, and wait for me to call on you.
- Use appropriate language.
- Leave your seating area cleaner than you found it.
- I would like students to police each other and me with regard to the class rules.
- **NO CELL PHONES** Cell phones should be turned off and placed on the front of your desk. This is your warning, so if I catch you using it I take it to the administration.
- **NO HATS IN CLASS**

## Policies

*Late work* At the end of each day I will write on the board the things we did that day. If you are absent, read the board and get any assignments out of the assignment box. If you have further questions, talk to me after class. After an absence you have one class period to turn in your work, after that you lose 50% from the assignment.

*Hall Passes* Each student will receive two hall passes to be used sparingly for the term, once they are gone, they are gone.

*Extra Credit* Extra Credit will only be available to students who have turned in all their assignments. A few points may be given for unused hall passes, and I generally give an assignment at the term's end, so if you want a good grade be attentive and do your work when you are supposed to.

## Required Materials

The following materials must be brought to class every day:

- Reading book in class every day
- Loose-leaf paper, not paper to be torn out of spiral notebooks
- Pen, blue or black ink

## Grades

I will update grades every Friday and sometimes more often. All assignments that take place before mid-term will not be available to turn in after mid-term. This makes the mid-term grade more significant.

<u>Grading Scale</u>	<u>Grade Breakdown</u>
A	93.5%
A-	89.5%
B+	86.5%
B	82.5%
B-	79.5%
C+	76.5%
C	72.5%
C-	69.5%
D+	66.5%
D	62.5%
D-	59.5%
F	Everything Below

## Class Reading

### 10th Grade

*Unwind*  
*To Kill a Mockingbird*  
*Julius Caesar*  
*Lost In Yonkers*

### 10th Grade Honors

*Huckleberry Finn*  
*Julius Caesar*  
*Cannery Row*  
*Of Mice and Men*  
*The Pearl*  
*The Importance of Being Earnest*

### 12th Grade

To be decided

**This list is not all inclusive and is subject to change.**

Parents:

I look forward to this school year with your student, and I expect that we will all enjoy our experience. Please read through all the class information with your child so that we are all aware of the class policies and expectations. At the bottom of this page please include your email address if you have one. That is the easiest way for me to contact you with any positive feedback or concerns I may have. Please feel free to contact me by email (brett.miller@nebo.edu) or by phone (801)489-2870 between 7:30 and 7:45 in the morning, or between 2:45 and 3:00 in the afternoon if you have questions or concerns.

Thank You,  
Mr. Miller

## Student Signature

By signing you are saying that you have read this disclosure document and understand the expectations, consequences, and policies of this class. You are also saying that you will cooperate and achieve the expectations that have been explained for the class.

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Student Signature

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Date

## Parent Signature

I have read and understand the expectations, consequences, and policies explained in this disclosure document and agree to accept them.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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email address

Questions, Comments, or Concerns

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