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Credit: 1 Course: English I

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this course is to provide grade 9 students, using texts of high complexity, integrated language arts study in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language for college and career preparation and readiness.

Honors and Advanced Level Course Note: Academic rigor is more than simply assigning to students a greater quantity of work. Through the application, analysis, evaluation, and creation of complex ideas that are often abstract and multi-faceted, students are challenged to think and collaborate critically on the content they are learning.

*This course will meet the graduation requirement for: **English I***

II. COURSE GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

The content will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Active reading of varied texts for what they say explicitly, as well as the logical inferences that can be drawn
2. Analysis of literature and informational texts from varied literary periods to examine.
3. Writing for varied purposes.
4. Effective listening, speaking, and viewing strategies with emphasis on the use of evidence to support or refute a claim in multimedia presentations, class discussions, and extended text discussions
5. Collaboration amongst peers.

III. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

1. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt(HMH) Florida Collections Textbook (replacement costs \$80)
2. HMH Workbooks: Close Reader and Assessments (replacement cost \$16 each)
3. Various Novels (replacement costs vary by title)

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

TESTS: Tests and quizzes may be written (multiple choice, short answer, or essay) or oral. Some homework will be counted for a quiz grade.

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK: Both classwork and homework will be a major part of your grade.

AVID BINDER: All students are required to have a 3" binder with dividers to store all classwork from each subject. English will require an **additional set of 5 dividers**, along with the standard supplies for all classes: pens, pencils, college ruled paper, and highlighters. Having your binder organized and

brought to class every day will be a grade.

V. GRADING:

1. COUNTY GRADING POLICY:

| Letter | Percentage | Points |
|--------|------------|--------|
| A | 90-100 | 4.0 |
| B | 80-89 | 3.0 |
| C | 70-79 | 2.0 |
| D | 60-69 | 1.0 |
| F | 0-59 | 0 |

2. TEACHER GRADING POLICY:

GRADING COMPOSITION:

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| 70% | Assessments |
| 30% | Classwork/ Homework |

CHEATING: *Cheating Penalty is a zero*

- copying and plagiarism guidelines are in the Student Handbook

VI. CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT:

MAKE-UP WORK: 2 days per immediate excused absence (hanging assignment folder)

LATE WORK: 5 days (work will not be accepted after) *10% loss per day*

TARDIES: 1st = Warning

2nd = **10 min. DETENTION & CALL PARENT(S)**

3rd = Attendance Referral

4th and more = Marked LATE & Attendance Referral

4 or more x Tardy = **1 Late (*unexcused absences*)**

4 or more Lates = **“F” in course**

DISMISSAL: You must be in your seat and all materials must be in their proper places before class will be dismissed.

BEHAVIOR:

All students are expected to follow these rules:

- Respect is the key to mutual success that includes showing respect to yourself, your peers, and your teachers.
- Be in your seats when the bell rings working on your bell work assignment.
- Do not eat or drink in class
- No hats or hoods
- No phone or any other electronic device

| | Username | Password |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <i>Typing.com</i> | Student# | Cougar2017 |
| <i>Achieve 3000</i> | Student# | Individual Per Student |

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| Computer/Office 365 | Student#@edu.leonschools.net | Contact School (same to log in computers) |
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Syllabus is subject to change per teacher's discretion.

Student Information Sheet for English I

Full Name

Class Period (circle): 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th / 5th / 6th

Computer and Internet access:

☐ Yes ☐ No *explain:*

Parent/Guardian contact (this information must be current and correct):

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) Parent/Guardian Name | Relationship |
| Email | |
| Phone | cell / home / work |

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| (2) Parent/Guardian Name | Relationship |
| Email | |
| Phone | cell / home / work |

Schedule:

| | Class | Teacher |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| 1 st | | |
| 2 nd | | |
| 3 rd | | |
| 4 th | | |
| 5 th | | |
| 6 th | | |
| 7 th | | |

Email Access Requirement:

Students will be required to have an active email account that they can use to activate some technologies we use in the classroom such as digital storage (no more flash drive requirements, yay!) as well as some digital editing programs. If your child has an email account that you want them to use please write it below, otherwise they will create a GMAIL email account for class using their first and last name. Email Accounts MUST be school appropriate and used only for educational/professional activities.

I WANT MY CHILD PARTICIPATING IN THIS : _____ (please sign)

Student Image & Work Publication/Display Permission

Please read this consent form carefully. By signing the form you are agreeing to allow the educational use of sound and/or images and work of your child. This document gives permission to use works created by students in the course of their studies, or to use sound and/or vision of the student, for purposes of professional

development and educational resources. This does not mean that the student loses ownership rights over their works — simply that you are giving permission to use their works for the purposes mentioned.

1. I give permission to use my child's works, sound, and image for the school/ class website, as well as for the purposes of professional development and publication of our class activities.
2. The teacher understands that my child still owns the intellectual property rights for their works, sound and images, and that this consent form is not meant to transfer my ownership.
3. I understand that by giving this permission, the student's works, sound and/or my images can be used for the purposes described above. They may be reproduced in any form, in whole or in part, and distribute by any medium including the Internet, CD-ROM, or other multimedia uses.
4. I understand that the student's works, sound and/or images may be kept on file for an indefinite period of time and that they may be used in the future for the purposes listed in item 1.
5. I understand that there will be no payment for the use of works or images.

Parent's Name

Date

Civility Clause

In order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment, the following policies will be in place.

- Raise your hand to speak. Your contributions to class should be **relevant, kind, or constructive** to the topic at hand.
- **Refrain from written and spoken commentary that is sexist, racist, homophobic, or otherwise intended to inflict harm. Refrain from using profanities in speech and writing. When we discuss sensitive topics in class, we speak to each other and about our topics from a place of respect. If you are unsure if something is classroom appropriate, please ask me. As you know, words have power, and we give them that power. Words also shape your opinions, thoughts, beliefs, and actions. Use them wisely. Failure to comply with this civility clause will result in: verbal warning, detention, parent conference, a referral, and/or administrative intervention.**
- Respect your classmates. Respect your teacher. You can do this by arriving to class on time, being prepared, helping others, asking clarifying questions, and communicating your needs in a respectful manner.

Student Name (Print), Signature and Date

Parent/ Guardian Name (Print), Signature and Date