**Ms. Razor’s**

**English I**

**West Mecklenburg High School**

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**Overview**

Welcome to English 1! In this course we will examine many different genres of literature, grammar, vocabulary, speaking and listening, and writing. We will be using different modes of writing such as: narrative, expository, journaling, poetry and research; however, our primary focus will be on *Argumentative* writing.

Reading selections will be from a variety of genres and will include the following: fiction, short stories, novels, nonfiction, drama, and poetry. With the new standards for English 1, students will have multiple opportunities to integrate reading and writing skills across the curriculum throughout the year. Additionally, students will integrate 21st century learning skills which include collaboration, creative thinking and problem solving, communication and using technology.

The textbook for this course is: Holt McDougal Literature. In addition to the required text each student will need the following materials: **3 inch binder, dividers, highlighters, pens, pencils and paper.**

**Students Responsibility for Assignments and Attendance**

A student must submit all necessary assignments and tests in order to complete the course successfully. It is a student’s responsibility, if absent when an assignment is given, to find out from the teacher. If a student is ill, assignments are due immediately upon the student’s return to class. If absent from a test, the student must see the teacher upon returning to school.

**CMS Attendance Policy for High School**

Students who miss **11 or more days** of any subject will receive an automatic **F** regardless if the student’s original grade is passing. Students will have the opportunity to appeal the **F** by filling out an Attendance Appeal Form and submitting supporting documentation to the Appeal Committee.

**Tardy Policy**

* 1st Tardy: Warning
* 2nd Tardy: Parent contact & lunch detention
* 3rd Tardy: Parent contact & 2 days of lunch detention
* 4th Tardy: 1 day of ISS
* **5 or more tardies:** Will be considered insubordinate behavior and may result in out of school suspension (OSS).

**Grading Policy**

* 75% - tests, projects, quizzes, benchmark assessments
* 25% - classwork, homework

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| **A** | **93 – 100** |
| **B** | **85 – 92** |
| **C** | **77 – 84** |
| **D** | **70 – 76** |
| **F** | **BELOW 70** |

**Homework:** Each student is responsible for turning his or her work in on time.

**Notetaking:** Taking notes during class is an expectation as this practice will help students prepare for tests and quizzes. Any accommodations needed for students will be administered.

**Tests and Quizzes:**  Tests and quizzes are given on a regular basis and points vary according to the amount of material covered. If students score below 77% they have the option of retaking the test or quiz. Any accommodations needed for students will be administered.

**Make up Work:** Missing work is the student’s responsibility. Students must come and see me for any assignments missed or not turned in.

**Student Expectations**

* Be prepared for class
* Assignments completed by due date
* Respect classmates and West Mecklenburg Staff
* Follow student handbook rules
* Electronic devices are not permitted in class unless used for instruction
* Progressive Discipline will be used, including the following, but not limited to:
  + Verbal Warning
  + Student – Teacher Conference
  + Student Intervention
  + Parent Contact
  + Office Referral
  + Immediate Removal
  + Parent conference

**SUMMARY**

Ninth grade English is a writing and literature course designed to give you the opportunity to experience and respond to a variety of texts. We will look at many literary genres (poetry, drama, novels, etc.). Writing is a *very* important part of this class and you will be given many formal and informal writing assignments. These tasks will help to prepare you for the wide variety of writing you will have to do throughout high school.

Dear Parents and Students,

Please print your name and sign below. Also, complete the contact information in the space provided. Please feel free to contact me anytime during the school year with questions or concerns. I look forward to a successful school year with your child.

***By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Course Syllabus and policies and procedures from Ms. Razor’s English 1 class.***

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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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