

English Information—Seniors
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Grading Procedures: 10% Book Reports, 20% Senior Research Paper, 30% Homework, 40% Tests

Work hard and be nice. I like nice people.

The class will consist of: vocabulary, literature, public speaking, research, and composition.

Book reports will be graded as followed for Seniors per semester:

One book must be related to your Senior Research Paper topic, due Wednesday, October 3rd

One book of your choice, due Wednesday, December 5th

Total of two books per semester

Class Rules

1. Bring all materials with you to class: paper, writing utensil, textbook, novel, etc. **I do not give out pencils or paper! If you have to go out of the classroom to retrieve any of these items, you will be marked tardy. Yes, I know that's harsh!**
2. Papers turned in with fringe on the side will be given a lower grade. Just say NO to fringe!
3. We will have several class discussions, during these discussions it is important that you speak up and show me that you have read the material. Appropriate comments only! Anyone who speaks or writes inappropriately will be given a zero. **Be respectful to your classmates and teacher even if they have different opinions than you.**
4. Be prepared. Have your homework done and ready to hand in when you walk through the door. Papers are due by the time I collect them from the tray. **Falling behind is a lot more work for you, so do it right the first time!**
5. Do not copy someone else's work. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. I **will** check for plagiarism and I **will** give you a zero.
6. Bathroom—if you have to go, I will allow you to go. If you start to leave the classroom every day to use the bathroom, I will start saying no. If I (or another teacher) see you messing around in the hallway when you are supposed to be using the bathroom, you will never be allowed to leave the classroom again.

Chrome Books

Try and be patient as we work through any trials and tribulations we may have. Keep your device fully charged, as there are not enough plug-ins for each person. We will NOT be using the Chrome Books every day, so always bring paper and pencil to class. The school has many computer policies and I expect them to be followed and to use your device appropriately.

Tardies: I will mark you tardy if you are late and/or if you have to leave the classroom to retrieve an item listed in Rule #1.

Makeup/Late Work: You have two days to hand-in an assignment after an **excused/medical** absence. If you have a late assignment I take off **50% immediately**. Each day your grade will go down more and more, and **you still have to complete the assignment, even if your grade is down to a zero**. Do your work!

Other: If you miss my class, but then come to school later in the day, you **MUST** stop by my room and retrieve your assignment. This is to help you stay caught up. Also, try and schedule doctor, dentist, chiropractor, etc. appointments during elective classes. Since we are only together for a semester, every day counts and we will be busy.

English Information—Juniors
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Grading: Book Reports 10%, Homework 20%, Quizzes 30%, Tests 40%

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The class will consist of: vocabulary, literature, public speaking, research, and composition.

Book reports will be graded as followed for Juniors:

1st Semester--last day to report is Thursday, September 27th

2nd Semester--last day to report is Thursday, February 7th

This is a total of two books throughout the school year. One book must be written by a foreign author (outside of the United States). One book is a selection of your choice. If you choose a Pulitzer Prize winning book you will receive a prize for your efforts.

Class Rules

1. Bring all materials with you to class: paper, writing utensil, textbook, novel, etc. **I do not give out pencils or paper! If you have to go out of the classroom to retrieve any of these items, you will be marked tardy. Yes, I know that's harsh!**
2. I will **not** accept papers with fringe on the side.
3. We will have several class discussions, during these discussions it is important that you speak up and show me that you have read the material. Appropriate comments only! Anyone who speaks or writes inappropriately will be given a zero. **Be respectful to your classmates and teacher even if they have different opinions than you.**
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6. Bathroom—if you have to go, I will allow you to go. If you start to leave the classroom every day to use the bathroom, I will start saying no. If I (or another teacher) see you messing around in the hallway when you are supposed to be using the bathroom, you will never be allowed to leave the classroom again.
7. Spelling—I will take off one point for each misspelled word up to five points. If you misspell 20 words, I will only take off five points.

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Other: If you miss my class, but then come to school later in the day, you **MUST** stop by my classroom and retrieve your assignment. This is to help prevent you from falling behind. Also, try and schedule doctor, dentist, chiropractor, etc. appointments during elective classes. Every day counts! You need to be in English class!

English Information—8th Grade
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Grading: 10% Book Reports, 20% Homework, 30% Quizzes, 40% Tests

Welcome to another spectacular year at Burwell Public Schools! I have high expectations for student behavior and achievement. I want you to enjoy English class and I am more than willing to help you whenever I can. I want you to succeed!

Work hard and be nice. I like nice people.

The class will consist of: vocabulary, literature, public speaking, research, and composition.

Book reports will be graded as followed for 8th Graders:

1st Semester--last day to report is Tuesday, October 23rd

2nd Semester--last day to report is Tuesday, March 5th

This is a total of two books throughout the school year. One book must be written by a multicultural author (different race, religion, etc.). One book is a selection of your choice.

Class Rules

1. Bring all materials with you to class: paper, writing utensil, textbook, novel, etc. **I do not give out pencils or paper! If you have to go out of the classroom to retrieve any of these items, you will be marked tardy. Yes, I know that's harsh!**
2. I will **not** accept papers with fringe on the side.
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