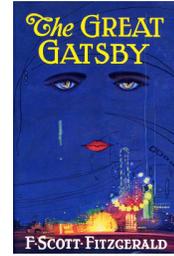


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English III Syllabus
Engle H41



Welcome! I look forward to spending a very productive, and yes, at times fun, year with you all. To help your junior year at Peninsula High School progress as smoothly as possible, here is a syllabus along with some tips for success in my classroom.

Curriculum

The first semester will be a survey of early American literature. In the second semester we will read *The Great Gatsby* as well as other 20th and 21st century American literature. While we are busy reading and studying those texts, we will also read short stories, non-fiction pieces and poems to help build your literary skills. Most of these will come from the *Holt Literature and Language Arts* anthology you should already have. To build your grammatical skills, we will utilize the *Holt Handbook*. We will study vocabulary from the texts as well as some supplemental vocabulary lists.

Supplies

You will need the following supplies in class every day:

Blue or black pen

Lined Paper

Grammar Book

Thin composition book for in class writing



Copy of the text we are covering at the time, either the novel or literature book (I will post on the board when you will need to bring your literature book. I want you to have healthy backs when you grow up. 😊)

Grade Policy

Semester grades will be determined by dividing the total points you earned on all the assignments given by the total points possible. Your final grade will be determined by using a standard grading scale: 90.0%-100%=A, 80.0%-89.9%=B, 70.0%-79.9%=C, 60.0%-69.9%=D, 59.9% and below=F. Late work for major assignments will be docked 10% per day it is late. Homework and class work will not be accepted late unless due to an illness.

I do not round grades at the quarter. As a rule I do not provide extra credit assignments to make up for poor scores. An occasional extra-credit assignment will be given, but otherwise the students will be provided plenty of opportunities to demonstrate their mastery of the content and course goals.

Participation Grade

In an effort to promote participation and constructive behavior in the class, there will be a participation grade each semester. The participation grade will be worth 100 points total. When the student volunteers or provides a legitimate answer to a question, that student will receive a point towards the participation grade. When a student misbehaves or aims to disrupt the class, one point will be deducted from that student's participation grade. Every student begins with a 65% for this assignment. To receive a 100% on this assignment, the student must earn 35 plus points in a semester. There will be plenty of opportunities to earn these points. Take advantage of them every chance you get.

Citizenship

To make this class enjoyable and productive, the teacher must respect the students, and the students must respect the teacher. But above all, students must respect each other. To earn a good citizenship grade as well as a good Participation Grade, follow the rules below.

1. Do not speak out of turn. When the teacher speaks, you must listen. When another student makes a contribution to the class, everyone should listen, and wait their turn before commenting.
2. Arrive to class on time. By the second bell, everyone should be in their seats, ready to participate in class. If you are not, you will be considered tardy.
3. No marking the desks in any way.
4. No food eating in the classroom. Water bottles are permitted.
5. Stay in your seat until the teacher dismisses you.
6. Come to class prepared with books and supplies.
7. Cell phones and other devices should only be used when directed or with my permission.

Testing Rules

Quizzes and tests will accompany most of the material we cover in the class. To maintain the integrity of the tests we have to follow certain rules which we will review as a class when we have our first quiz. I lay down these rules so that no one has to be accused of cheating during tests.

1. Do not talk to other students.
2. Do not use cell phones or similar technology.
3. Do not search through your back pack for materials.
4. Do not have any materials on your desk, except for your pen and the paper on which you will answer.
5. Keep your eyes on your own paper.
6. Do not have non-verbal communication with other students.

Academic integrity is taken very seriously at Peninsula High. Any breaking of these rules during quiz or test taking will lead to you possibly earning a 0 on an assessment. Offenses rarely occur because most students understand that the rules are simple. Don't be the exception.

Applications

This year I will be using a few online resources to help reinforce the course work outside the classroom.

1. I will upload documents to my class website on *pvphs.pvpusd.net* as assignments.
2. ***Turnitin.com*** is the website to which you will turn in all of your essays. This site checks for plagiarism, but it also provides an online, readily accessible way for you to read comments on your essays.
3. All district teachers and students have access to ***Office 365*** and its resources.

Essays

Students will write essay rough drafts in class and type final copies at home. Only grammar and spelling can be corrected between the rough draft and final copy. I will not accept final essays unless the rough draft that was completed in class is turned in as well.

Here's to an enlightening year. May we all enter next summer thinking, "Man, I'd like to do that again!".

Mr. Engle