9TH GRADE
HONORS ENGLISH

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Welcome to your new favorite class!! Okay, I guess that depends on what your interests are, but I do hope you'll enjoy this class and will learn a lot this year.

Course Description:

This class is designed to help you be more successful in high school and beyond, because better English usage will come in handy almost anywhere. Besides reading & writing, we'll also work on your vocabulary and test-taking skills (for the ACT, ASSET, ASVAB, PSAT, state assessments, etc.).

Grades/Assignments:

This is an honors class, and I expect you to put sufficient thought and effort into your assignments. *You get what you pay for,* and your grade will also depend on what you put into it.

We'll do a lot of small daily assignments, take several tests & quizzes, present book talks, give oral presentations, and write a research paper in second semester.

Required Materials:

Please bring your laptop and something to write with **every day**. You can bring paper, but I'll also have paper in my room.

Class Readings:

We'll read lots of short stories and the novels *Animal Farm* in first semester and *To Kill a Mockingbird* in second semester. They will all be provided, so you don't need to buy any books for this class.

You'll also need an Independent Reading book. You can get it from the library or bring one from home. The lexile doesn't matter, but it should be non-fiction (true) in first semester and fiction (fake) in second.

Class Policies:

My class policies are pretty simple:

· Be seated.
· Be quiet.
· Be nice.
· Be productive.

Of course, we'll also follow all school-wide rules (no cussing, etc.). You're high school students, and I expect you to act like it.

Contacting Me:

The best way to contact me outside of class is probably email, but you can usually find me in room 204 before or after school.

You don't have to sign this or return it.