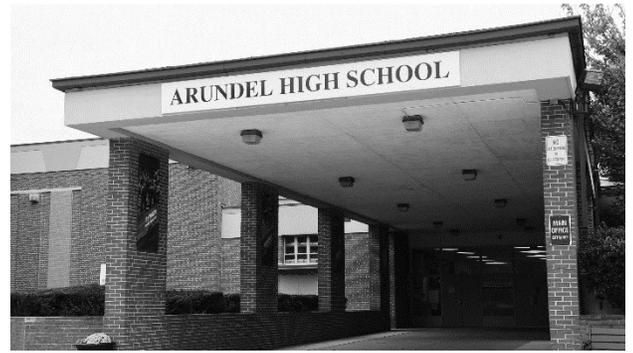


Welcome to ENGLISH 9 HONORS!

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WHAT WILL WE DO THIS SEMESTER?

READ!

This semester, we will read *The Odyssey*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *The Book Thief*, and several short stories, articles, and poems. You will also have a chance to read books that you select individually.

WRITE!

We will write informational, analytical, and argumentative paragraphs and essays. We will also do some creative writing!

DISCUSS!

We will have many opportunities for discussion: whole class, small groups, and partners. We will also make groups presentations, so everyone will have a chance to take the stage!

WHAT WILL CLASS BE LIKE?

Begin at the bell. We will usually have an opening activity (journal, short question, reading, etc.) for you to begin independently.

Review daily agenda to show everyone what we will be doing during class.

Class activities will be divided into segments. We may have 3 or 4 tasks to complete each class. We won't have much "down" time!

Homework! Expect to have homework. Most of the novel reading will be done on your own.

WHAT DO I BRING TO CLASS?

YOU WILL NEED **ALL** OF THE FOLLOWING AT **EACH** CLASS:

- 3-ring binder
- College-rule lined paper
- Pencil (sharpened)
- Colored pen
- 2 different colored highlighters (avoid dark colors!)
- Assigned text (if issued)
- Self-selected book

JOIN THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM!

Your classroom code is _____!
Check here for your make-up work if you miss class.

FOLLOW THE 5 'P's

- ❖ **PROMPT:** Be on time, in your seat, and ready to begin at the bell.
- ❖ **PREPARED:** Bring your supplies, books, and homework to every class!
- ❖ **POLITE:** We are in this together, so be patient, kind, and respectful.
- ❖ **PARTICIPATING:** Speak up! Join the discussion! Ask questions! We learn from one another.
- ❖ **PRODUCTIVE:** Maximize your learning time by staying on task!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

"I just love my phone! Can I keep it?"

- Yes. In your backpack or pocket. Off and away. AT ALL TIMES! No exceptions!

"I get so hungry and thirsty! Can I snack in the classroom?"

- Feel free to bring water (no soda or sweet drinks that will be sticky if spilled), but NO EATING! (We do not need Mickey, Minnie, or Jiminy Cricket in our classroom!) So, eat before class or after, but not during.

"When can I use the bathroom?"

- Bottom line: not during my class. You have plenty of time before class, between classes, and during lunch to use the bathroom, so use your own time for your own personal business. If a TRUE emergency arises, I will deal with that when the time comes. (Forgetting to use the bathroom before class negates an emergency. So does choosing to hang with friends instead of using the bathroom. Choose wisely.)

"I missed class. Did we do anything?"

- Um, YES! Check the agenda on Google Classroom for the day you missed. Handouts will be attached there, or you will be directed to pick them up in class. **WORK MUST BE MADE UP IMMEDIATELY TO RECEIVE CREDIT.** (For example, if you miss 1 class, you will have 1 day to make up the work.)

"I forgot to do my homework / didn't have time to do my homework / left my homework on my bed / lost my homework. Can I turn it in late?"

- Of course! No later than the next class. Your grade will be lowered for turning it in late, but at least it won't be a zero for not handing it in.

"This high school stuff is kinda freaking me out, and I'm getting really stressed. What should I do?"

- We are in this together, and I want you to be successful. If you are feeling overwhelmed, or if you don't understand a lesson, a skill, a concept, an assignment, etc., COME AND SEE ME! I can and will help you. Or send me an email. Just don't wait or suffer in silence.