

John Horn High School 2017-2018

Course Expectations for AP English Literature

*Note: Every handout I give you contains information you will use at some point. You are responsible for knowing what the handout says, **even though I will rarely read the whole thing to you!***

Welcome. What seemed like it would NEVER get here has finally arrived – SENIOR YEAR! I'm excited about being a part of your last year at Horn. Together we are going to have a great year. To let you know some of what you may expect and to avoid unpleasant surprises, here is some information about my class which you will find useful.

First and Foremost:

Keep in mind that this course is patterned after a college sophomore literature course. As such, I expect you to focus your effort on college-level performance. Expect to write, re-write, read challenging material, meet with colleagues outside of class – all things you'll do next year in college. *"I couldn't get my work done because I've been really busy,"* is a sentence you should never utter in this class – at least not where I can hear it.

You will be expected to use skills taught several grades ago. I expect college-level conversation, both in class and in your writing. There are substantial penalties for elementary-level mistakes. I'm available during tutoring to help remediate these problems (and I'm happy to do that) but you must come in for that on your own time.

College professors expect you to read and follow all directions without having them read to you. So do I.

General Classroom Information

Website: turner.jhhsenglish.com

Check this frequently – a couple of times each week at least.

Mandatory Supplies

- An English **folder, binder, or dedicated section of a larger binder** – *whichever works for your organizational style. You will have several assignments working at one time, and you must be able to locate each one quickly.*
- **Highlighters** – one each of green, yellow, blue, and pink.
- **Pen** – standard blue/black *Generally speaking, I do not grade any finished paragraph writing done in pencil. Rough drafts and annotations may always be done in pencil.*
- Paper ***Spiral paper will never be accepted if the spiral trash is still attached.***
- Other supplies will be needed to complete the research paper. Details to follow.

Optional Supplies

- Post-it Notes (3 x 3 or smaller -- Not required; these are for you, so if you wouldn't use them, don't buy them.)
- It would also be super-nice if you'd bring a box of **TISSUES**. (Not required)

You should have these materials with you in class each day. **You must also bring any literature we are currently discussing.**

➔ ***Also note: I do not provide extra copies of any worksheet. Check the website first. Extra copies are 10 cents/page. One side of the paper = one page. You'll have to pick them up after class. The Late Penalty WILL APPLY.***

Grading Scale

- **20%** -- **Daily grades** Includes daily assignments and class participation.
- **40%** -- **Major grades** Includes tests, projects, and major essays.
- **20%** -- **Close Reading grades** Items similar to the AP exam and some annotation assignments
- **20%** -- **Six Weeks Test**

Extra Credit is NOT offered.

Attendance Be sure that you understand that when you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the work made up without prompting from me. Avoid procrastinating about getting your make-up work in. **Be careful about field trips.**

Absences on Major Project/Major Essay Days If you find that you are too sick to attend school on a day when a **major** project, presentation, or essay is due, you should have a parent call or e-mail me that day to let me know. (This is especially true if your presentation is part of a group.) **The late penalty will apply unless a parent calls.**

VERY IMPORTANT!
Please be sure you understand this.

If the assignment has been on the calendar for more than one week, the assignment is due **ON THE DAY YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL**, even if you return on a “non-English” day. LATE PENALTIES will be assessed for work that is late unless prior arrangements have been made by your parent.

Again, be very careful about field trips.

Make up Work Assignments for absentees are kept in a file located near my desk. Check it as soon as you return from your absence. Make note of any tests you missed and schedule appointments to make these up immediately.

“Late” Work Policy: Late work shouldn’t happen at all except for emergencies. If you do not have your homework assignment at the time it is due, you may turn the work in **up until the next class day**. The earned grade will be reduced by 30%. After that time, the work will not earn credit. For major projects, tests, and assignments for which you are given multiple class intervals to complete, the teacher’s discretion will apply.

Final Due Dates No “late” or “make-up” work will be accepted during the final week of the six weeks. Tests must be made up before this time as well.

Tutoring I am available for tutoring before school daily (7:45) and after school Monday – Thursday by appointment. Please let me know if you need to schedule time with me. Try to get a pass the day before.

Printing essays/Use of Computer Lab Because the computer lab will be staffed and open to students in the morning, no papers will be printed on my teacher computer. I won’t write a pass to print or excuse a tardy because of printing. **Do not e-mail a paper to me;** it will not count.

Food in Class? No. Water with a lid is fine, but don’t eat in this room.

Use of the Restroom Pass Please be courteous in your use of restroom passes. Please be sure that you have a genuine need. (*I don’t like Shakespeare* is not a genuine need.) Ask for the pass, and return quickly. **Passes will not be available when I’m giving direct instruction**, and third period students will have additional limits. Abuse of the pass will result in removal of this privilege.

Tardies/Staying for another teacher Be on time; be on time; **BE ON TIME.** If you stay in any teacher’s classroom beyond the start of your English class period, it is your responsibility to have that teacher **call 6812** and inform me so that I do not count you absent. If the teacher can’t/won’t, then you call me. It’s a basic professional courtesy.

AP Exam It’s a Mrs. Turner – JHHS – MISD expectation that you take the test.

Plagiarism is probably the only “sin” for which there is no forgiveness. I should not have to tell seniors or their parents that a plagiarized paper will receive a zero, but just in case, here it is in writing:

A paper that contains a plagiarized passage will receive a zero.

This could easily cause you to fail a six weeks. It will wreck your class rank. Don’t plagiarize. If you are unsure if what you’re using from a secondary source is correctly used or documented, ASK. I’ll tell you for free. Plagiarism is expensive.

Finally, **COMMUNICATION** is vital to your success in this class. If you have a problem with a concept or assignment, come talk to me. If these policies are difficult for you, let’s discuss it. The more you communicate – with me and with your peers – the more all of us will succeed at reaching our goals. I’m here for you.

Again, I’m really pleased to have you. We are going to have a terrific year.