English 10 Advanced Course Syllabus

Inderkum High School

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**Tutoring Times:** Thursdays: 3:10-4:10 (other times may be arranged by appointment)

Texts: StudySync Reading and Writing Companion; *Upfront* magazine; assigned novels and other major texts

Required Materials:

All of the following materials are required on all days:

* Lined Paper (loose leaf)
* 2 Dividers or Folders (for English only)
* Pencils (Two standard #2 pencils with a sharpener or one mechanical pencil)
* Red Ballpoint Pen
* 2 Highlighter Markers (2 different colors)

Assignment Deadlines/Due Dates:

* Although all students should make every effort to get all assignments in on time in order to receive the maximum credit possible, major essays and other specified major assignments may be turned late for a penalty of 10% of the maximum potential grade per day late (for instance, 10 pts. per day on a 100 point assignment).
* All other assignments will be accepted for half-credit up to one day late.
* Any late work should be dropped in the appropriate tray before or after class with the letters Ex. and the date of the excused absence written at the top of the page above the top line. For instance, a student absent on September 20 would write “Ex. 9/20” on the top of a paper that was turned in late, then drop the paper off in the appropriate bin.

Format of Assignments:

* With the exception of essays, most in-class assignments will be completed in pencil.
* The heading for all in-class assignments should be in MLA (Modern Language Association) format.
* All typed essays should be formatted according to MLA standards. A good resource for learning about MLA writing standards is Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab (OWL): [**http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/**](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/)
* Hand-written assignments will not be accepted in place of assignments that require typing.
* E-mailed assignments will not be accepted in place of hard copies of assignments.
* All students will submit selected assignments through the website **turnitin.com**

Absences/Missing Assignments/Tardy Policy

* Students who are absent will have one school day to make up assignments for each day of excused absence.
* Students who are absent are responsible for checking to see what they have missed and completing that work promptly. They may find out what work they missed by checking the class calendar, asking a responsible student, or checking with me after class or after school.
* Please have students who are contagious or too sick to work stay at home. While this point may seem obvious, I commonly hear from students who are seriously ill that they were told to attend school by parents or guardians.
* Students who miss quizzes or tests will need to complete them within one week of the test date at a time arranged with me in advance.
* Students are expected to be in their assigned seats before the bell rings. Students who are not seated will be marked tardy. Students who miss assignments because of unexcused tardies or absences will not be allowed to make up that missing work. Students who are regularly tardy may receive referrals and become ineligible for participation in sports or school events. I encourage parents and guardians to regularly monitor attendance online on Infinite Campus.
* While I fully understand that many students will occasionally miss days of school due to illness, regular attendance is a crucial part of being successful in my class. In addition, all students enrolled in the class are expected to take their final exam on the same day as the other students in their period. I do not offer alternative final exams.

Homework:

Students will receive homework for my class four nights per week. The homework will sometimes take the form of completing reading assignments, studying for a quiz or test, or finishing an assignment started in class. Students are expected to copy down the homework assignments that are presented in class.

Cheating/Plagiarism

Students who are caught cheating or who turn in work that is not their own will receive a zero on the assignment and have their parent/guardian notified of the incident. These students will not be allowed to make up the assignment. Please read the NUSD Academic Honesty Policy, which is located at:

**https://docs.google.com/document/d/1coknppAzQ8P39kL-qQnGYMwv5kiip59KFtd8rQdd2y8/edit**

Extra Credit

I will occasionally offer extra credit assignments to the entire class; however, I don’t accept individual requests for extra credit.

Behavior:

In addition to following IHS rules, students are expected to follow the rules and procedures for my classroom. All students in my classes will have the opportunity to learn without disruptions, and students who chronically disrupt class will face serious consequences. Please note that because of the potential for distraction, phones and earphones are not allowed to be visible in class once the bell has rung. While I largely deal with behavior management within the classroom, I also call home when problems are recurring or when a student receives a referral.

Grades:

Students will earn grades as follows:

* 90-100%: A
* 80-89%: B
* 70-79%: C
* 60-69%: D
* 0-59%: F

Grades in my class are weighted as follows:

* + Regular Assignments/Homework: 30%
  + Participation: 5%
  + Quizzes: 20%
  + Major Assessments (these may be tests, projects, essays, presentations, etc.): 35%
  + Final Exam: 10%