# Welcome to Literature!

## About This Class

This class is all about reading! We will read and analyze fiction and nonfiction-short stories, plays, novels, articles, biographies, and much more. The goal is to help you become a better reader and prepare you for reading in other subjects and all aspects of the real world. In order to do that, we will also write about what we read and study vocabulary and word parts. Reading, writing, and vocabulary are all connected. Everything we do in class will be designed to address the Indiana State Standards for Language Arts and to help you master them by the end of the year. I expect everyone to put forth their best effort. In return. I promise to provide an engaging learning environment—we play games and do creative activities a lot! This will be a fantastic year!



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VICTORY.

## **Required Materials**

- I do not require anything out of the ordinary for my class. However, you must be prepared with basic materials at the beginning of class each day in order to be fully equipped to learn.
- Pencil
  - Notebook paper
  - Literature folder
  - Chromebook
    - Assignment Notebook
    - Any (completed!) homework that needs to be turned in.



## **Class Rules—The ABCs of Literature**

ACT RESPONSIBLY	<b>BE RESPECTFUL</b>	<b><u>C</u>OMMUNICATE</b>
• When the bell rings, be	• Treat others the way	EFFECTIVELY
in your seat and pre-	you would want your	• Show care for oth-
pared for class with all required materials.	best friend to be treat- ed.	ers by using kind words, actions, and
• Complete all class work so that it is work you can be proud of.	• Be helpful and sup- portive to all class- mates.	<ul> <li>a respectful tone.</li> <li>Be honest in your words and actions.</li> </ul>
Handle all classroom     materials with care.	• Give all classmates personal space to be	• Use active listening when others are
	successful in our class.	talking.

### Consequences

Depending on the severity or recurrence of a behavior problem, the following are possible consequences of breaking any class or school rules:

- Nonverbal reminder
- Verbal reminder
- Student-teacher conference
- After School Detention
   (ASD)
- Lunch detention
- Phone call home

If a particular problem continues, you will be asked to see the dean, who will take disciplinary action. I don't anticipate this happening often; I would much rather work together to make our Literature class a successful experience for all Navigators.



#### Grades

The grade scale I use in my class is the same as the school's. Assignments, quizzes, and tests are entered in as total points and typically not weighted.

#### 90-100% - A 80-89% - B 70-79% - C 60-69% - D 59 or lower—F

Homework will be collected at the beginning of class on the day it is due—typically the day after it was assigned. If it is turned in late, students will earn half the points they would have earned for full credit. For example, if the student earned 8/10 on the assignment, but turned it in late, they will receive 4/10.

Homework

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## Opportunities for Points

I don't offer a lot of extra credit, so homework, quizzes, and tests are very important. In the rare event that I do offer extra credit, do it! It can only help your grade.

### **Contact Information**

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I welcome your insight into your child's education and look forward to working together!

