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CVHS Language Arts Instructor
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Tutoring Times: 7:00-7:45 Monday through Thursday

Course Goals:

- To develop critical reading and writing skills
- To develop each student's individual voice and writing process

Coursework Descriptions and Expectations:

- English 10 : Literature and Composition
Throughout this course, we will read, analyze and respond to classical and contemporary texts arranged into thematic units. Students will compose a variety of expressive and academic essays. Students can expect 0-3 hours of reading and writing homework per calendar week.
- English Language: Literature and Composition
This course teaches foundational skills and composition in order to bridge gaps in student learning. All work will be completed in class.
- Advanced Placement Literature and Composition (British, American and World Literature)
This course provides an intensive study of literature as prescribed by the College Board and its Composition and Literature curriculum in preparation for the AP Literature exam. Students can expect 2-6 hours of homework (particularly reading) per calendar week.
AP grades will be weighted on official transcripts only according to the following:

90-100%= 5.0
80-89%= 4.0
70-79%= 3.0
60-69%= 2.0
50-59%= 0

Supplies

Separate 3 ring binder
10 Plastic page protectors
5 tabs/dividers
Lined notebook paper
Book mark arrows

Grade Composition

Homework/Daily: 10%
Text-Based Responses: 20%
Exams and Quizzes: 20 %
Formal Writings:30%
Final Exam: 20%

Make-up Work

Students are allowed as many days to make up work as they were absent, plus one day. So, if a student is absent 2 days, he or she receives a total of 3 days in which to make up the work on time.

Late Work

1 day late: 75% credit
2 days late: 65% credit
3 days late: 55% credit

Tutoring (Mon, - Thurs. 3:30 - 4:30)

The best use of tutoring time is to get help with work before it is due. However, if you find yourself in a hole after a missed or failed assignment, you may seek alternative work in tutoring. You and I will negotiate the terms of this work (i.e. seat time and preliminary work). No make-up work will be worth more than 75% of the original point value. Do not think of tutoring as a quick or immediate fix. It will usually involve 2-3 sessions.