Mrs. J. Ruth - 10th Grade English II Class - H230

**Syllabus:** OurEnglish II class is focused on developing reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking skills by interacting with the arts of our language: novels, poetry, short stories, music, drama, and informative texts. Our 4 units are structured around the overarching thematic question: Who are you?

Unit 0: Foundational Reading & Writing Skills - August 17-23

Unit 1: Power of Communication & Influence of Culture - August 24 - September 23

Unit 2: Culture & the Ties that Bind Us to One Another - September 26 - October 31

Unit 3: Learning from the Past & Looking Towards the Future - November 1 - January 6

We will daily focus on: Independent Reading, Journaling, Short Constructed Responses, Essays - argumentative, expository, literary, and narrative, critical thinking skills, and effective communication.

**Class supplies**:

1. A binder and/or folder to keep track of assignments and handouts
2. A composition book - we will write in it daily -
3. ALWAYS BRING Self selected novels, or reading materials for independent reading time
4. Pens and/or pencils All final drafts of essays MUST be typed.
5. School-issued chromebook and power cord - make sure your device is charged!
6. Highlighters, index cards, post-it notes (I have only a limited supply, so bring your own if you’d like.)

**Grading Policy**: ALL assignments will be assessed based on a weighted points system.

Daily grades 10-20pts each (class work, Journaling, vocab, reading quizzes, group work, etc.) = will make up 60% of overall grade

Major Assessments and Projects 50-100pts each (tests, projects, compositions/ Final Draft essays )= will make up 40% overall grade

The Final exam is worth 10% of the entire class grade and will consist of short answer questions, reading, writing, and speaking opportunities.

*It is expected that parents and students check grades weekly on ParentCenter or by contacting the teacher for any missing assignments. All assignments, handouts, etc. will be in Canvas.*

**Classroom Expectations**:

**Be Respectful** to yourself, your classmates, and adults

**Be Responsible** for your own learning and actions

**Be Receptive** to new and different ideas and challenging tasks

**Be Ready** for class by arriving on time with your materials

**Cell Phones/Electronic Devices:** According to district policy, students may have phones on campus but are to keep them on silent and have them remain in their bags during class times. We will use Canvas as well as other online apps for class this year for assignments on the chromebook, please use your electronic devices responsibly. Games or off-subject videos are not to be played during class and could result in disciplinary actions. Please SILENCE your devices

**Missing/Late Work Policy**: After grades are placed into our online grade book, students have 3 days to have the assignments turned in. Afterwards, students will receive a zero save for extenuating circumstances. Come to tutoring if you’re in need of assistance or have been absent. Make up assignments will not be discussed during class time - Please make arrangements before or after class.

**Tutoring**: Tuesday - Friday mornings 8:00-8:40am Breakfast is grab and go from the cafeteria, eat while you learn.

 Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 4:40-5:40pm Wednesday and Friday afternoons by appointment only.

Tutoring is for retests (tests for absent students),reteaching a failed assignment, and students who were absent during a lesson.

**Attendance**: Missing one class or more can cause students to fall behind and be in danger of failure due to missing assignments. Excessive absences can also cause students to not get credit for the class even if they have a passing grade. Students are responsible for making up any work, either while out through Canvas or upon their return. Per district policy, students have the same number of days that they were absent to make up the work they missed (i.e. one day absent, one day to make up before it is missing—not late).

**Contact Information:** If you need to communicate with me, the best contact is my **email**: jruth@judsonisd.org

You can also contact me via Google Voice. 210-876-4892 leave a text message with your student’s name and class period.

I look forward to a productive and engaging year! Mrs J. Ruth H230 English II - Judson High School