Senior Course Expectations:

**Please Read:** For most of you, the second semester of your senior year will be a time to celebrate the end of one part of your journey and look forward to beginning your next adventure. With the end of high school nearly here, I want to offer all of you, “good students” and “bad students” a warning. Please don’t celebrate so much that you lose sight of the fact that the end is still nearly here. Take your second semester seriously starting right now. Your second semester grade, like all of the semesters before, is a combination of two quarters and an exam. You still must pass two of the three with an overall average north of 60% to earn your credit. And, you must earn this credit to graduate. All of you. No exceptions. So please, put yourself in a position so that you aren’t dependent on the exam to pass. Take the first quarter seriously. Take the second quarter seriously. Please don’t wait until May to be concerned about your grade. Please don’t ask me for extra credit or to allow you to “just write an essay” or to allow you to make up all the work that you’ve missed so you can graduate. Please don’t put yourself through a tear filled meeting with your parents, counselors, and administrators when your actions throughout the course of the semester lead to the cold, hard reality of regret. Please do your reading, all of it. Please complete your homework, all of it. Please study for your quizzes and tests, all of them. Please show up to class, all the time. Please put yourself in a position to enter your final exam period knowing that if all you do is put your name on the exam, you’ll still graduate high school. So kids, work hard; Finish strong; Good luck.

**Overview:** Senior English continues to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be college and career ready. Students will engage in a variety of reading, writing, language, and research activities.

**Classroom Rules:**

-Be in your seat ready to begin class by the time the bell rings

-Do not line up at the door. The teacher dismisses class, not the bell.

-Do not bring backpacks or coats to class.

-Follow the Warren Mott code of conduct.

-As you are or will soon be an adult, I expect that you will conduct yourself as adults in a professional setting.

**Materials:**

-Pencil and pen.

-Notebook dedicated to this course.

-Text Book: Patterns for College Writing and British Literature Text

-Classroom novel when assigned (Their Eyes Were Watching God and Kiterunner)

**Grades:** You will be graded using a weighted grading scale. For quarter 3, 80% of your grade will be based on assessments. 20% of your grade will be based on assignments. For quarter 4, 85% of your grade will be based on assessments and 15% of your grade will be based on assignments. Tasks graded as assessments will be announced as such in advance. **Not all assignments will be included in your overall grade.** Grades may be accessed through parent portal. Please see me with questions.

**Academic Honesty**: You are expected to maintain a high degree of academic integrity. Don’t cheat. Don’t plagiarize. If you paraphrase, summarize, or directly quote a source, you must give that source credit. Even if I don’t explicitly assign parenthetical citations and a works cited page, I will expect you to submit these in proper MLA style if you use a source. I forgot is not a good excuse. I didn’t know how is no longer a good excuse. If you are still unclear at this point how to do this, please seek clarification as soon as possible.

**Attendance:** You are expected to be in class and on time each day.

**Tardiness:** I reserve the right to refuse late work because you’re tardy. I reserve the right not to allow you to make up quizzes because you’re tardy. The easiest way to avoid these penalties is to show up on time.

**Make-up Work:** For excused absences (those that are reported to your house office by a parent/guardian within 48 hours), you have one day for each day absent to complete the assignment without penalty. Please keep in mind that if I’ve assigned a task prior to your absence, your absence does not extend your due date. If you miss a test/quiz due to an excused absence, I expect that you set up a time to make that up on the day you return. **Be advised that you may receive an alternative test and test format**. In all cases, I understand that you may have work to make up in 6 classes. If you think that you might need additional time, please discuss that with me. Work missed due to an unexcused absence will earn a score of zero. Please verify all absences.

**Late Work:** Some assignments will be accepted for credit up to two days late. An assignment that is one day late will receive a 10% deduction rounded down to the nearest whole point. An assignment submitted two days late will receive a 50% deduction rounded down to the nearest whole point. Assignments submitted after two days will receive a score of zero.

Students will be told in advance when an assignment will not be accepted late.

**Cell Phones and Electronic Devices:** If you must bring your phone or other electronic devices to class, you must place it in the phone pockets at the front of the room. This class is a red zone. Those who are caught accessing their devices (including internet watches and head phones) without my express permission will receive a referral and in-house suspension.

**Passes:** Hall passes will be considered on an individual basis. Students must take with them their ID and the yellow pass. Please do not interrupt instruction to ask for a pass. No passes will be issued in either the first or last 10 minutes of class.

**Exam Exemption:** Students who maintain the requisite grades and have good attendance (See your house office for exact information) will be exempted from the final exam. Be advised that the grade and attendance requirements are cumulative for the semester. Plan ahead. There is no sanctioned senior skip day. If you participate in a senior skip day, that absence will count against you.

**Extra Help and Contact Information:** Please seek out help before you fall behind. I’m available after school. There are a variety of tutoring programs that you can access. Learn to advocate for your success.

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Prep: Mr. Hall has 3rd hour prep

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. As a professional courtesy, please allow a full business day for a response.