Mrs. Staton

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**Tutorial:** 8 am to 8:30am M,T,Th, F

This is a pre-college level English course. Students will learn literary analysis, persuasive, argumentative, and research synthesis skills throughout the academic year using short stories, speeches, articles, current events, novels, advertisements, songs, movies, etc.

The goal of this course is to provide you the detailed information and skills you will need to pass the STAAR Test in the spring and prepare you for AP English 3. This course will follow a rigorous fast paced schedule in order to cover the required material you will need for the exam. If you get behind or become unsure of a concept or assignment please contact me at the above posted times for clarification.

**Required Materials**

* 2 Spiral Notebooks College Ruled (Single Subject)
* Folder with brads—any color
* 1” three ring binder to store classwork and handouts
* Pencils, pens (blue and/or black only)
* **Spiral Notebook 1:** You will need a separate spiral notebook for in class notes, activities, and free writes.
* **Spiral Notebook 2:** You will use this notebook to track books, essays, and poems you have read and are reading.
* **Vocabulary Notebook:** You are required to keep a Vocabulary Notebook (folder with brads) recording terms from both this course and your history course. A handout will be issued with further assignment details.
* **Non-Fiction Outside Reading:** As an AP student, you should be reading a books outside of class. A handout will be issued with further assignment details.

**Class Rules:**

* Electronic devices must be out of sight and can only be used in class when given permission. Devices will be confiscated and unavailable for pickup until the end of the day. Parent pickup will be required after the first offense.
* No food or drink except water.
* Follow all rules and procedures in school handbook.

**Grading:**

* + Tests, Essays, Projects 50%
	+ Quizzes, Assignments, Presentations – 30%
	+ Participation, Homework, Other – 20 %
	\*Per district guidelines

**Attendance** in class is crucial to not just passing the class but also to pass the AP exam. If your absence is pre excused (athletics/activities, UIL, appointments, etc) you must check in with me during tutorial to acquire work that you will miss. If your absence is not pre-excused, check in with me the day you return during tutorial.
\*Refer to the late work policy listed below.

**Missing Assignments from Excused Absences:**If you are absent when an assignment is due, it is due the day you return.
If a test is missed, you have 2 days to make up a missed test during tutorial.

**Late Work:**

1 day late—max score of 90%
2 days late—max score of 80%
3 days late—max score of 70%
\*Case by case basis. Work will not be taken after three days.

**Retesting:**
Must be retested 1 week following return of the test during tutorial. Student must attend a tutorial prior to retake. Grades will be averaged together for a maximum grade of 70%.

**Academic integrity:**Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Cheating is obtaining answers from another person or source without being given permission to work and submit group assignments by the teacher. Plagiarism is using someone else work, thoughts or photo without giving proper credit to the author or creator. Both are serious offenses that will have a negative impact on your grade and educational future.

**Let’s have a great year!**

**Mrs. Staton**

**Return this page by Wednesday August 30th.**

I acknowledge having read the syllabus for Pre AP English 2.

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**Pre AP English 2 Movie Permission Form**

**Mrs. Staton**

**2017-2018**

My student has permission to view the following movies and/or clips of these movies which correspond directly to units being taught in Pre AP English 2. I understand that my child will complete alternative assignments during the viewing time of these movies if permission is not granted. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

***Circle all movies which you DO NOT want your student to view this year:***

(Of Mice and Men Unit) *Of Mice and Men*--MPAA rating PG-13

(The Jungle Unit)– *Newsies --MPAA rating* PG

(Night Unit) Band of Brothers *Why We Fight (*Concentration Camp Scene) TVMA

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