**a-g English 11**

T/TH, 2:00-3:00 Room 215

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Google Classroom and Weebly will be simultaneously maintained with assignments. Parents can easily access Weebly without a password. Students can use Google Classroom to get work from all classes in one place using their school email account.

 Google Classroom: English 11 - class code: zpmcn82

 Weebly: karenchandler.weebly.com

study hall room 215, Wednesdays, 9:00-12:00

***Course Description***

Students will work both independently and in small groups, focusing on the theme of overcoming obstacles. They will read, respond, analyze, write and present, utilizing informational text, narrative fiction and non-fiction, poetry, speeches and more. Students will use computers for research and project development. Books will include *When the Emperor was Divine*, and *The Wave.* They will explore primary resources during the McCarthy error in support of their US History course.

***Teacher Expectations***

Teacher will come to class on time and prepared.

Teacher will correct, post grades and return all student work in a timely manner.

Teacher will provide a weekly typed assignment sheet and will post assignments at

 <karenchandler.weebly.com> and in Google Classroom.

***Student Expectation***

Student will arrive to class on time and prepared to work.

Student will complete assignments when due.

Student will seek additional help as needed by attending study hall or scheduling a

 meeting with teacher.

Student will keep all returned work until semester’s end.

In the case of absence, student will get missed work from Weebly website or Google

 classroom.

***Parent Expectations***

Parent will help student arrive to class on time and prepared to work.

Parent will help student with assignments and organization if needed.

Parent will be aware of work due, using the weekly assignment sheet.

Parent will bring in student work in the case of absence.

Parent will check student grades online regularly to stay aware of progress and

 missing work.

Parent will contact teacher with any concerns or problems.

***Policies***

*Attendance and Tardies*: Students earn 3 points daily for attending and participating in class activities. Points are lost for absences, tardies and lack of participation.

*Absences:* All attendance/participation points will be lost in the case of any absence because the value of group discussion cannot be recreated. However, students may earn extra credit points, usually through Friday movie days, to make up for this loss. **I strongly encourage parents to not plan family trips or doctor appointments during class time, as it will impact your student’s success in this and any other class.** Student must inform teacher of planned absences well in advance so they can receive the work early. If a student does not make plans prior to a planned absence, it is their responsibility to get the work from Google classroom or Weebly. Late work may be subject to a loss of points. Absences due to illness or an unforeseen emergency are different. Students will be given adequate time to complete late work without a loss of points.

Students are expected to print missed work. If additional assistance is needed, it is the student’s responsibility to attend open study hall hours or make an appointment with instructor.

*Homework*: Assignments for the week will be given every Tuesday. Students will receive a printed sheet. Parents are encouraged to look at this sheet weekly and help their student with organization and work completion as needed. All work will be due the following Tuesday unless otherwise noted.

*Late work:* Late assignments will be accepted up to two weeks, docked 5% of possible points for each day late to a maximum of 20%. After two weeks, no points may be earned for the work, but completion of the assignment may prevent a missing assignment report. In the case of absence due to illness or other unusual circumstance, students will be given adequate time in which to complete missed work without penalty.

*Grades*: Grades will be based on points earned.

* Students can earn 3 points each class period for attendance/participation.
* Small daily assignments such as worksheets will usually be worth about 10 points; larger assignments and projects are worth 50-100 points. Exams will be weighted heavily, making up about 30% of grades.
* Writing assignments of more than a short answer must be typed in 12 font, double space, Times New Roman. Work sheets and small assignments may be hand written but must be legible. If a student is unable to print an assignment at home, it is their responsibility to do so at school. Please plan ahead. Waiting until the last minute and then having a computer problem is not an excuse for late work.
* Each learning period is not equivalent in value.

**Semester grades will be determined according to the following:**

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| A+ | 97-100% | C+ | 77-79% |
| A | 94-96% | C | 70-73% |
| A- | 90-93% | C- | 67-69% |
| B+ | 87-89% | D+ | 64-66% |
| B | 84-86% | D | 60-63% |
| B- | 80-83% | F | >60% |

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_