

Welcome to 8th grade English!

2009-2010

Ms. Ruffini



1st HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT!

Course Content:

- *The Face on the Milk Carton*
- *Hamlet*
- *The Diary of Anne Frank*
- *Short Stories*
- *Poetry*

Grading Breakdown: (Points)

- Classwork/Homework
- Essays/Projects
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Participation and Attendance

Late Assignments: Homework is due *during* your class period. You lose 10 points for every day a major assignment is late.

- *Homework Late Rule:*
- One day to one school week late: 8/10 → More than one week late: 5/10

What if I am ABSENT?

- I have an Absentee sheet that I will fill out for you if you are unable to come into school and speak with me directly about missing assignments.
- Much of the work you will complete in English class will be done during class, so whether you are absent for a day or a week, PLEASE REMEMBER to speak with me so you do not fall behind.
- After school Homework Room is available 3 times a week, and I can also stay after with you if you need extra assistance.
- Homework assignments are also posted on my TeacherWeb account weekly.

What if I have a BAND LESSON?

- If you have a band lesson or are missing a part of the day for an appointment, you still have to come in and pick up your homework. If you missed English class for any reason, but are still in school, you must come in and check with me.

Classroom Management Rules

Respect Others: Treat your classmates with respect. Raise your hand when you want to contribute to a discussion. Do **NOT** yell out your response.

Respect Yourself: Take responsibility for your education. In other words, stay after school when you need help and don't be afraid to ask questions!

Do Your Best: Complete all homework assignments, observe due dates, and push yourself to reach your full potential!

Come Prepared: You should always have your English binder, a pen or pencil, paper, text, and homework.

Consequences

1st Warning: Verbal Warning

2nd Warning: Lunch Detention

3rd Warning: Afterschool Detention

4th Warning: Removal from classroom/Principal's Office

Contact Information:

Parents,

I am available through email and voicemail. The *fastest* and most *reliable* form of parent communication is email. I check my emails once in the morning, and once at the end of the school day. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Email: lruffini@alli.wnyric.org

Parents and Students: Please sign below stating that you have read the classroom management plan and course outline, and are aware of the responsibilities' pertaining to it.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____