**Ms. Jenifer Gearhart**

**Room 6**

Honors English 10

*“The final forming of a person’s character lies in their own hands”—Anne Frank*

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***Welcome to Honors English 10! The expectations of this class are demanding in terms of the quality and quantity of what you read and write. The purpose of this class is for you learn to think deeply about what you read and how you can write more effectively.***

**Content:**

We will read at least 5 novels/plays in addition to a selection of short stories and poetry. We will be reading a selection of novels including *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee*, Macbeth* by William Shakespeare, *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, *1984* by George Orwell. The order of these novels is subject to change, as is the selection. As appropriate, we will be reading informational (nonfiction texts). We will be working on a variety of writing assignments with a strong focus on research and argumentative essays.

**Materials:**

* Textbook/novel currently being used in class
* Writing Utensil (pencil, blue or black pen)
* 3 Ring Binder and dividers
* Loose-leaf paper
* Highlighter (yellow)

**Grading Policy:**

Can I use my phone??

***Yes! For Academic Purposes***

* *We are a BYOD school, but you need to take responsibility for how you use it. Don’t abuse it!*
* *Devices are only permitted when I allow and on the sites instructed.*

1. All grades in Honors 10 English are based on the Hedgesville High School grading scale
2. Extra Credit:
   1. There will be a few extra credit assignments and opportunities available to all students
   2. In individual circumstances, extra credit assignments may be arranged
3. I will be available for individual and group tutoring before and after school. Please talk to me at least one day in advance to arrange a time.

**Late Assignments**

1. You will receive 1 homework pass per nine weeks. This allows you to turn in a daily assignment late without penalty. Note, this does NOT exempt you from the assignment.
2. Daily assignments/homework turned in late **will not be accepted** unless the student had an **excused** absence
3. Major work (papers, projects) will lose 10% of grade for each day it is late. **Late work will not be accepted any later than 5 school days after the original due date.**

**Make up Policy**

1. You are **responsible** for obtaining your make up work after your absence. Make up work is on the class website. It is your responsibility to check what you missed and print out as necessary (using library or computer lab before/after school unless otherwise instructed). See Ms. Gearhart with any questions.
2. **ALL MAKE UP WORK MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 DAYS OF A STUDENT’S ABSENCE UNLESS OTHERWISE ARRANGED WITH THE TEACHER.**

***General Expectations and Consequences in Our Classroom***

***Expectations***

1. **H-** Have all materials with you and enter class on time
2. **H-** Have **respect** for your **school**, for your **peers**, for your **teachers**, and for **all staff** and all property that is not yours
3. **S-** Show **respect** for **yourself.** Do your **BEST** not because I ask you to, but because **I know YOU CAN.**

***Expectations for Respectful Classroom Behavior***

In this classroom, you are expected to respect other students, teachers and their property. We will spend a fair amount of time in this class in group work and discussions. This means that you are expected to be respectful of the opinions and comments of others, even if you do not agree with them.

**Technology/Cell Phone Use: See HHS Acceptable Use Policy in Student handbook**

***Consequences for most offences***

1. **Lunch Detention**
2. **Referral for school detention**
3. **Further action taken by principal**

**Cheating/Plagiarism Policy:**

Cheating is **unacceptable** in 10th grade English. Plagiarism falls into this policy as well. Plagiarism happens when you turn in any work that is not your own (copied from another student, book, or online source without giving the source of the information).

If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing on **any** assignment, the following will occur:

* **Automatic 0** on the assignment and a call home
* You will be referred for a school detention.

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| **School policy dictates that if you are caught cheating/plagiarizing twice in the same grading period in the same class, YOU WLL RECEIVE A FAILING GRADE FOR THE QUARTER. This is a serious offense and will not be tolerated.** |

***Tardy Policy:***

As per Hedgesville High School rules, you will be considered tardy if you are not in the classroom and in your assigned seat by the time the bell rings.

1. Verbal warning for your first tardy
2. Referral for detention for each subsequent tardy