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Classroom Requirements  
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**\*Everything we have is God's and we must treat it as such\***  
**\*This syllabus is not set in stone. One of the best things we can learn is to be flexible\***

**Classroom Rules:**

Be Nice  
Work Hard

**Classroom Procedures:**

- \*Respect the teacher, other students, and yourselves
- \*Follow the school rules as stated in the handbook
- \*Arrive to class on time and be ready for instruction with proper materials ready. Using the restroom and visiting your locker should be done between classes.
- \*Cell phones and other non-approved electronic devices are not permitted. If there is even a slight suspicion of cell phone/electronic use, it will be confiscated, no questions asked.
- \*Sharing answers is not acceptable. You will receive an automatic '0' on the assignment/test/paper if you are caught cheating/plagiarizing and the case will then be forwarded to the dean of students. (See cheating policy in student handbook)
- \*Challenge yourself and be creative!

**Classroom Supplies:**

Blue/Black Pen (no purple, green, orange, etc.)  
Spiral Notebook  
Composition Notebook  
Notebook Paper  
Folder

**Grades:**

Grades are based on a point system and will include the following:

Homework- Students should expect daily assignments. Work should be done on loose-leaf paper unless otherwise stated.

Notes- Students are expected to take notes in their notebook. This can and will be collected periodically to help ensure you are keeping up in class discussions.

Bell Ringer/Introductory Activities- Almost everyday you will have a task written on the board. Find your seat and begin working on the short assignment immediately. Put the assignment on a loose piece of paper with the heading of the date and activity. You should be able to fit several of these onto one piece of paper. After a couple of weeks, this will be collected for a grade as well. These are fun activities that get you thinking, do not stress out over them!

Journal- Your composition notebook will be your journal for the entire school year. There will be times when journal entries are done in class, and others when they are done at home. This will contain some rough-drafts and some creative ideas for you as well. I will look at these to see if the work is done; I am not trying to look into your personal life.\*

Quizzes- Quizzes may or may not be announced and will be worth 5-40 points.

Tests- Tests will announced at least two (2) classes in advance and will be worth 40-100 points.

Projects/Papers- In class and home projects/papers will be assigned. Since this is English, you can expect writing a paper every quarter. The details for each assignment will be given on a grading rubric you will receive at the beginning of the project/paper.

It is the student's responsibility to make up work when they are absent. Students may find out the assignment from a classmate or by picking up the worksheet/handout from their class folder. Late homework will not be accepted (You may not go to your locker to find your homework). For large projects, papers, etc. the assignment will drop a letter grade each day it is late (including days they do not have class). There will be no re-writes for late papers/projects. (See handbook for policy on make-up work. Do not let this bring your grade down!)

**Faith Formation:**

Discovering our faith should not only happen in religion class or during mass, but it should be an on-going process. At the beginning of every class we will have intentions/petitions for those who need our thoughts and prayers. We will explore literature from various religions as well in class and discuss their relevance in the world. Additionally I strongly encourage you to become involved in your youth group or the campus ministry team here at St. Wendelin; it is a decision you will never regret.

\*I suggest that you should keep two blank CD's or use a flash/thumb drive to save all of your work. Your large writing assignments (papers) will have to be submitted electronically, so make sure you keep a file of it (preferably in Microsoft Word)

\*Specific is Terrific

\*Critical Thinking