



## Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English!

**Faculty:** Ms. Heap, Ms. Heaton, and Ms. Johnston

### Grading:

Student Learning Objectives and Assessments.....50%  
Assignments.....35%  
Professionalism. ....15%

- Attendance
- Behavior
- Preparation/Participation

### Late and Makeup Work Policy:

If you turn in an assignment late, 20% of the points will be deducted from the assignment. These points cannot be made up once they are lost.

If you are absent because of illness you may make up the work missed with no penalty. Assignments should be completed within a reasonable time period.

### Required Materials:

- **Independent Reading Book**—You are required to bring a reading book to class **every day** for independent reading. You should avoid bringing comic books and magazines to class unless you have completed your reading assignments for the month.
- **1 Notebook**—You will need one college rule notebook for individual writing. You need to bring the notebook to class every day. Once the notebook is full, you are responsible to purchase and bring more to class.
- **English Binder/Folder**—You need an English binder, folder, or an English section in your school binder to put all English related materials.

You must bring your book, binder/folder, paper, writing notebook, and pen/pencil to class every day.

### Classroom Novels:

Students will need the following class novels:

- **First Term:** Various Short Stories

- **Second Term:** *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton
- **Third Term:** *Mississippi Trial, 1955* by Chris Crowe
- **Fourth Term:** Literature Circles.

If you are unable to purchase or borrow the above-mentioned novels, our school library has a limited amount of novels available for check out.

### Films:

During the school year, you will be watching the following films and documentary to further class objectives.

- ***The Outsiders*** by Francis Ford Coppola (PG version)
- ***The Ernest Green Story*** by Disney Educational Productions
- ***The Murder of Emmett Till*** by PBS and American Experience

**What Not to Bring to Class:** Please don't bring anything that will distract you or others from learning (cell phones, fidget toys, etc.) If they are brought to class, they will be taken to the office and can be picked up after school.

### Individual Reading and Writing Assignments

In addition to reading class novels, you will be required to read at least one 200-page book every month. You will receive credit through various assignments and class discussions.

You will also be required to write 1 page in your writing notebook every week. You will receive credit for your writing by following assignment guidelines and expectations.

### Contact Information:

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact us at 801- 489-2892. Also, you may email us at:  
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Student Name (**Please Print**)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Class Period

## Mapleton Junior High – Plagiarism Policy

MJHS's school motto declares, "Students are the focus, success is the goal." In order to be truly successful our students must be anchored in academic integrity. Our school values academic integrity and does not condone any form of dishonesty, deception, or plagiarism of any kind, including academic dishonesty – when individuals or groups take credit for work that is not *completely* theirs.

Plagiarism of someone else's work not only violates class and school integrity, but it is illegal. Plagiarism includes ANY copying of someone else's work, not only written assignments, problems, research papers, books, articles, websites, captions, textbooks, speeches, handouts, charts, and diagrams, but also art, graphics, computer programs, music and videos/DVD material.

Unfortunately, it is common to disguise academic dishonesty, using terms such as *copying*, *sharing*, and *borrowing* to dismiss the seriousness of this offense. Passing off someone else's work as your own is a form of stealing. Students are expected to do their OWN work at all times. The only possible exception would be group or partner work *assigned as collaborative* BY A TEACHER.

### All of the following constitute plagiarism:

- Turning in someone else's work as your own, whether that work is original to a student, parent, commercial author/editor/tutor, someone who posted the work online, or any other adult or adolescent. This offense includes copying another's worksheet or math problem/solution, as well as copying more lengthy writing assignments, answers, papers, etc.
- Collaborating on an assignment beyond brainstorming and prewriting without explicit permission from a teacher.
- Copying words or ideas from a source without giving credit.
- Failing to put any words copied from your source in quotation marks with source citations to credit your source.
- Changing the wording, but using the ideas and sentence structure of your source without giving credit.
- Using so much of the wording or ideas from one source that it makes up the majority of your own work, whether you give credit or not.
- Cutting and pasting work from several sources to make up most of your work, whether you give credit or not.

### Consequences of Plagiarism:

Plagiarism may result in a failing grade on the assignment, at the discretion of the teacher. Further action may result if considered appropriate by the teacher and administration of MJHS.

### Avoiding Plagiarism:

Do your own work, including writing papers, assignments, other written work, working math and science problems, doing assigned projects and experiments with possible corresponding write-ups or reports, completing worksheets, written exercises, and everything else assigned in class.

Always include citations for direct quotations **and for** paraphrased or summarized passages in MLA or other styles required by your teacher.

When you are unsure, ASK your English teacher.

#### Sources:

Bonneville High School. "Plagiarism/Cheating Policy." Weber School District. Web. SHHS. 12 Jan 2011

Mountain Crest High School. "Introduction to Writing Disclosure Statement." Text.

UC Davis Office of Judicial Affairs. "Avoiding Plagiarism." University of California Davis. Web. SHHS. 12 Jan 2011.

Signature: Student

Signature: Parent

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Print Name: Student

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