

Marble Falls High School
English III- American Literature
2020-2021

Contact Information

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Conference- 2nd period

Tutorials: Mondays and Thursdays - 7:45am - 8:15am

Wednesdays - 4pm -5pm

Please visit Google Classroom and Skyward for more information.

Necessary materials for every day

- Charged computer

Grading Policy (this has changed for this year)

Grading categories:

- quizzes/minor grades- 60% (at least 1 per week)
- major grades/projects- 40% (at least 2 per 9 weeks)

Late work policy

- 1-2 days late - Maximum grade of 85
- 3 or more days - Maximum grade of 70
- All work assigned for the 9-week period is due by the date below to be eligible for a late work grade:
 - October 9th
 - December 11th
 - March 5th
 - May 21st

Absence Policy

Students are to refer to Google Classroom for work missed initially, but are welcome to conference with me regarding the work. Work previously assigned is due the day the student returns. Missed quizzes and/or tests are to be taken during tutorials or at an agreed upon time with teacher. Please refer to the grading guideline for further information. **Note:** *It is the student's responsibility to meet with me regarding any questions/concerns on the work missed.* **Students:** Please be advised, I can see your daily attendance, class by class. Attending my class unprepared is far better than skipping. Life happens. I get it. Communicate with me.

Food and Drink Policy

Only drinks are allowed in class. A student may have a quick snack during their mask break. If this poses a problem, this will change.

Retest Policy

In the event that a student fails a major assignment, they have 5 school days from the date the student was made aware of the grade to retest. You will have to complete the reteach assignments in order to earn the retest opportunity.

Extracurricular Participation

I completely understand time commitments. That being said, "I didn't have enough time" is not a valid excuse. Academics come before jobs, sports, and extracurriculars; it is a privilege to participate in extracurricular activities and the responsibility of the student to plan ahead. Please be aware of the UIL rules/regulations. If a student fails a class, the student may be ineligible to participate.

Technology Policy

Technology is a wonderful tool, but is considered a privilege in my classroom. Electronic devices are not permitted during quizzes and tests. Inappropriate use of electronic devices will be dealt with based on the offense. Please familiarize yourself with the technology policy in the *MFHS Student Handbook* (pages 57-58). Teaching students to use technology appropriately will be a point of emphasis over the course of the year. Be advised to a change this year in the student handbook: cell phones are only permitted in the hallways and lunch period. Headphones are permitted before school, during lunch, and after school.

Honor Code, Dress Code

As a student of MFHS, you are expected to abide by the *MFHS Student Handbook*, *Dress Code*, and *Electronic Appropriate Use Guidelines*. Please read pages 54 and 55 of the student handbook to see the dress code. You are responsible for knowing and following the dress code. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a zero for the assignment and disciplinary action will be taken. Plagiarism is defined as taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own. That work could be peer to peer, from Internet resources, etc.

Mustang students are:

- Prompt- You must be in class by the time the bell stops ringing. You will not be let in the door late without a tardy slip from the assistant principal's office or a dated note from another teacher.
- Positive- Your conditions will not improve unless your attitude does. We all have bad days, but no matter what, we should always try to make the world around us a better place.
- Polite- We don't all look, sound, or think the same way; we all come from different backgrounds and have different goals, but we never have an excuse to disrespect one another.
- Prepared- Bring what you need for class, including materials and attitudes.

- Productive- Work when you're supposed to be working. I rarely assign homework, so you won't have to work at home if you're productive in class.