

**Mrs. Armstead's English 10 Regular  
2013-2014 Syllabus**

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**Planning:** Period 4 (10:45-12:00pm)  
**After School:** M-TR (until 3pm)  
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Required Learning Materials:

- 1 inch binder (English only) with dividers and loose-leaf
- Pens/pencils/highlighter(s)
- 3x5 index cards
- Sadlier-Oxford vocabulary book (school provides)
- Agenda Book (school provides)
- Assigned novel (school provides)

\*Dividers include: Warm-up, Grammar, Literature, Vocabulary and Writing

Expectations:

- Be on time.
- Be prepared.
- Be attentive and remain engaged.
- Be respectful.

Classroom Rules:

- Water is permitted in the classroom; no food.
- Maintain a tidy work area. Throw out trash; straighten desks; and push in chairs.
- Mrs. Armstead dismisses class; the bell does not.
- Tardiness is unacceptable. Consequences follow school policy.
- Avoid grooming during class; this includes brushing hair; applying make-up; adjusting outfits; spraying perfume, cologne, body splash, deodorant, etc.

Grading Policy:

- Assignments: Homework (10%), Classwork (20%), Tests/Quizzes (30%), and Papers/Projects (40%). A rubric is provided for all projects, papers, and other written assignments.
- Homework: Homework is an integral part of this course and is assigned nightly. These assignments range from 10-30 points.
- Extra Credit: Take advantage of opportunities as these are rare occurrences.

- Grading Scale: 100-89.5% A  
89.4-79.5% B  
79.4-69.5% C  
69.4-59.5% D  
59.4- ↓ % E.
- Student Feedback: Students will meet with me formally and informally throughout the quarter. Parents and/or students have real-time access to grades online via Aspen.
- Make-up Work: Make-up work is only assigned for excused absences (parent/guardian note). The amount of days absent = the number of days to complete the work. If you exceed the number of allotted days, you will receive a zero for incomplete work. Unexcused absences = an automatic zero.
- If you exceed 9 days of unexcused or a combination of excused/unexcused absences (everyday class) or 4.5 days (every other day class) you are likely to be denied credit. This is school policy.
- Late Work: Late assignments are not accepted.

Course Content:

Grammar

Parts of speech  
Sentence parts  
Clauses  
Subject/verb agreement  
Modifiers (dangling, misplaced)  
Run-ons, fragments, conjunctions  
Commas/semicolons  
Sentence types  
Phrases  
Sentence combining/revising

Argument writing

Paragraph construction  
Paper formatting

Literature

Novels/Short stories/Poetry

Speaking/Listening

Note taking  
Discussion/idea presentation

Vocabulary

Word Choice  
Usage of terms  
Figurative language

Research Process

Credibility/Validity  
Locating/retrieving information  
Applying info/Note taking  
Drafting/Peer editing/Revising  
Parenthetical documentation  
Works Cited

Composition

Timed writes/CR structures

Course Outline: (English 10 Regular)

*1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (August 26<sup>th</sup>-October 30<sup>th</sup>)*

Unit: The Pursuit of Power

Text: *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger

*2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (October 31<sup>st</sup>-January 17<sup>th</sup>)*

Unit: Individual and Society

Text: *1984* by George Orwell

*3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (January 22<sup>nd</sup>-March 28<sup>th</sup>)*

Unit: Hopes and Fears

Text: *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

*4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (March 31<sup>st</sup>-June 18<sup>th</sup>)*

Unit: Hero's Journey

Text: *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman

- ❖ **You must bring assigned texts to class on a daily basis.**
- ❖ **Loss of assigned OM texts results in a designated fine (based on school purchase price). Failure to pay fines results in placement on the *Student Obligation List*; consequences follow school policy.**