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Welcome to Contemporary Literature!

In this literature course, we study novels, short stories, and poetry from the modern era. The texts will take us in various directions, from the paddies of Vietnam to a high school in Syracuse, New York. Each reading offers opportunities to take on new perspectives and to challenge our understandings of the world around us.

I expect that you'll...

- Be On Time
- Be Prepared
- Be Productive
- Be Respectful

Consequences will be assigned for those who consistently do not meet these expectations--(conference with the teacher, detention, phone call/email to parent, etc.).

Here's what we'll be working on over the next 18 weeks:

Thematic Units and Corresponding Novels

- Finding a Voice: Speak
- A New World: Fallen Angels
- Something to Believe In: Godless
- Looking Through Another's Eyes: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
- Choices and Consequences: Breathing Underwater

Short Stories, Poetry, and Articles

- Various selections
- Connected to theme, novel, or both

Literary Analysis

- Literary Terms
- Close Reading
- Critical Writing

Grading

Grades will be calculated based on the total points earned throughout the semester. All assignments and activities are equally important. The grading scale on the right will be used to calculate grades.

Late daily assignments will be accepted up to one day late for ½ credit. After that, no points can be earned.

Major assignments will lose one full letter grade for each day late.

A	92.5-100
A-	89.5-92
B+	87.5-91.5
B	82.5-87
B-	79.5-82
C+	77.5-79
C	72.5-77
C-	69.5-72
D+	67.5-69
D	62.5-67
D-	59.5-62
F	59↓

A note on academic integrity

Any attempt to gain credit for someone else's work will result in no credit for that task, parental notification, a referral to the administration, and an ALC assignment. This includes any form of academic dishonesty: cheating on tests/quizzes, copying assignments, plagiarism, etc. A second occurrence will result in a failing grade for the quarter. Subsequent attempts will be dealt with according to the student handbook.

What to do if you're absent

1. Check the class website for what you missed
2. Check the class folder for any handouts, assignments, etc.
3. **Make up missed tests/quizzes as soon as possible**
4. See me with any questions
5. **If you are unexcused, you will not earn points for any class work given that day.**

I'm looking forward to a great semester!



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Please sign your name below indicating that you have read and you understand the expectations and requirements of this class. Then, take this home and have a parent or guardian sign indicating that he/she has read this as well.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____