Welcome:
Welcome to English 1-2 at Omaha North High Magnet School. The best time to reach me would be during my free periods or after school. If you need to contact me, my information is:

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Phone: 402-557-3400   Extension: 3328816    Classroom: 212

Materials Needed for Class EVERY DAY:
- Pen or Pencil (please no red, pink, or florescent colors)
- Student ID
- Reading book of your choice
- Textbook
- Notebook
- A binder/folder (recommended)
- Student Planner (recommended)

What Am I Going To Do In This Class??
Students will be required to complete a given activity the first 15 minutes of every class period. When students are instructed to read silently, they can read whatever they choose; but it must be words, not just pictures. I would prefer no magazines, but newspapers are acceptable. Electronic reading is not allowed. Grammar and vocabulary will be incorporated throughout the year through warm-ups or lessons.

Some of the literature we may read will be: Black & White, Having Our Say, Romeo and Juliet, The First Part Last, and short stories.

Themes discussed by quarter:
First Quarter: Collection 3 “The Bonds Between Us”
Second Quarter: Collection 5 “A Matter of Life and Death”
Third Quarter: Collection 4 “Sweet Sorrow”
Fourth Quarter: Collection 2 “The Struggle for Freedom”

Expectations:
- Complete beginning of the class activity.
- Be respectful to all.
- Be a positive influence on class environment.
- **Use appropriate language. Cursing and derogatory comments will not be tolerated.**
- Be responsible with your work! If you lose a worksheet, it is your responsibility to get the missed work. Students will not be given multiple copies.
- Be on time. Student must be in their seats when the bell rings for class to begin.
- Have student ID at all times. You can’t leave class without it!
- “Think Like a Viking”

Procedures
Leaving Class: Students will be given restroom privileges, unless they become abused. Students should have plenty of time before school or between classes to handle business. If students leave class, they must have their student ID and use the classroom clipboard. If this is abused by excessive use or an irrational amount of time used, students will receive no passes for the remainder of the year/semester.
Absences from Class: It is very important to be in class. **It is the student’s responsibility to collect missed assignments and obtain all information provided during missed class.** Food and Drink will not be allowed in class. Water is allowed as long as it is with them at the beginning of class.

**Grading**

Omaha Public Schools uses Standards Based Grading. Students will receive between a 0 and 4 grade for each assignment. At any time, you can check the student portal to see your progress. Some assignments will be weighted double based on the importance of that assignment. For example, a final test may count twice the amount of a quiz. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me before or after school, or before or after class to discuss grade progress.

**OPS Grading Scale**

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**Late Work**

Per the district, students are expected to complete coursework on time. Late coursework may be accepted for full credit at the end of the unit per teacher’s professional judgement and evidence collected throughout the unit. Once the unit test is taken no late work will be accepted. The teacher or school may make exceptions depending on student circumstances.

**Cell Phone and Earphones Policy**

As this is a core subject that does not require the use of a cell phone, students will be expected to keep cell phones turned off or on silent and put away (out of sight) during class. It is very distracting to the student, the teacher, and other classmates when students are texting or playing with a cell phone during class. It is highly important for students to learn appropriate use. During class is not an appropriate time to use cell phones or earphones. Students are expected to keep both cell phones and headphones out of sight during class. Failure to do so will result in the teacher taking the device until the end of class or possibly giving the device to the student’s administrator for repeat offenders.

**Laptops and Other Electronic Devices**

Students are permitted to use school issued laptops only. Any other electronic device should be put away prior to the beginning of class. School issued laptops are to be used for schoolwork only! Students are expected to use laptops for schoolwork only. Failure to do so will result in the teacher taking the device and having it reset to original status and giving it to the student’s administrator.