Welcome:
Welcome to English 7-8 at North High School. The best time to reach me would be during my free periods in the curriculum center or after school. If you need to contact me, my information is:

Email: laura.geiger@ops.org
Phone: 402-557-3400   Extension: 332874
Free Blocks: B8
Classroom: 311

Materials Needed for Class EVERY DAY:
- Pen or Pencil (please no red, pink, or florescent colors)
- Student ID
- Reading book of your choice
- Notebook
- School laptop
- Student planner (recommended)

What Am I Going To Do In This Class??
Students will be required to read for 15 minutes each class period. They are allowed to read whatever they choose; but it must be words, not just pictures. I would prefer no magazines, but newspapers are acceptable. Electronic reading (ie kindle/tablet) is not allowed. Grammar and vocabulary will be incorporated throughout the year through warm-ups or lessons. Most of the literature read will be through the textbook; however, some novels will also be incorporated.

Textbook: Collections
*Students will use the online textbook and workbook, which is why the school laptops are important. If a student does not have access to Internet at home, please speak with me and I can check out a printed version.

Some of the projects students will be completing are: a research paper, college essays, informational speech, grammar and vocabulary, as well as journals referring to readings.

As this is a senior level course, privileges and expectations (including due dates) will be developmentally appropriate for emerging adults, regardless if your plans are entering the work force or entering college.

Expectations:
- Read for 15 minutes each day.
- Be respectful to all members of the class.
- Class participation is also important.
- Always have student ID at all times. You can’t leave class without it!
- 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.
- Use appropriate language. Cursing will not be allowed. Also, negative comments toward other students are unacceptable. This includes derogatory comments
- Attend class and BE ON TIME!!
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 not 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 see what work was missed or should have been turned in!! This is not independent study!! Attendance is VERY important! If you have an unexcused absence, you may not be able to make up work from that day, including tests and quizzes.

Food and Drink will be allowed in class as long as it does not distract from class or distract other students. Also, students must pick up after themselves. Trash left in the room will result in the privilege being revoked. A full meal from BK or McD’s is not appropriate. This privilege will be revoked if students are unable to pick up trash and bottles.

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 parent portal to see your child’s 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
A 3.26-4.00
B 2.51-3.25
C 1.76-2.50
D 1.01-1.75
F 0.00-1.00

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. The teacher or school may make exceptions depending on student circumstances.

Redoing/Retaking

Students will NOT be allowed to redo or retake any quizzes, tests, or assignments. The policy explanation for this refers to the above statement of “expectations (including due dates) will be developmentally appropriate for emerging adults”

Cell Phone and Headphones Policy

As this is a core subject that does not need the use of a cell phone, students will be expected to keep cell phones put away during class. It is very distracting to the student, the teacher, and other classmates to be texting or playing with a cell phone during class. The same goes for headphones. It is highly important for students to learn appropriate use. During class is not an appropriate time to use either. 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.