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: 3328874   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 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.

Themes discussed by quarter:
First Quarter: The Bonds Between Us
Second Quarter: Matter of Life and Death
Third Quarter: Sweet Sorrow
Fourth Quarter: Struggle for Freedom

Expectations:
• Read for 15 minutes each day.
• Be respectful to all members of the class.
• Class participation is also very important.
• Always have student ID at all times. You can’t leave class without it!
• Use appropriate language. Cursing will not be allowed. Also, negative comments toward other students are unacceptable. This includes derogatory comments.
• 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.
• Attend class and BE ON TIME!!
• “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 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!! 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 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**

- 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.

**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.