

English 1
Mr. Rowsey ~ Classroom: Room 121
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Covid protocols:

We will follow all Helena School District protocols and guidance regarding Covid-19 and any variations.

Course overview:

There will be a multitude and variety of reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills that students will learn.

Unit 1

- Personal Narrative
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Unit 2

- Short stories and independent reading
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Unit 3

- Poetry
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Unit 4

- *Absolutely, True Diary of a Part-time Indian* - Sherman Alexie
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Unit 5

- *The Odyssey* - Homer
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Unit 6

- *Speak* - Laurie Halse Anderson
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Unit 7

- Research - Teen Issues
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Unit 8

- *Romeo and Juliet* - William Shakespear
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Miscellaneous:

- No Red Ink
- Timed Writes

Policies:**Class Expectations:**

I fully expect all students to be respectful and treat all others with kindness and understanding. There may be times that come up where we have discussions and educational debates, but we must respect other opinions and have peaceful conversation that leads to better understanding of one another.

Participation - Participation is a key component to this class. All students will be expected to make an effort and to participate in class discussion, group work, and assignments requiring speaking.

Late policy:

If you are more than 5 minutes late for class, you will be marked absent for the entire class. Speak to the attendance office if you are late without a pass from another teacher.

Phone and electronics:

Phones and electronics will be put away at all times. The only reason a phone should be out is if I tell you so ahead of time. Chromebooks will be used regularly, but students should stay on task and not be off topic or doing personal business, such as texting, messaging, emailing, etc.

Cheating:

Academic Integrity: Students are expected to have high standards of integrity. Any student who cheats or plagiarizes on examinations or assignments, falsifies, or fails to give requested academic information on documents in the case of academic integrity is subject to appropriate disciplinary action by Capital High School. Cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, deception, and complicity are wrong and undermine our ability to enjoy and profit from this class. I will investigate all suspected cases of cheating and plagiarism, and will penalize all verified instances; the penalty can be as severe as immediate failure in the course. If you are unsure about whether some actions constitute plagiarism, please ask me.

If you or your parent has any questions about policies or subjects not covered in this syllabus or the classroom expectations, please refer to the student handbook for Capital High located at <https://helenaschools.org/handbooks/>

This syllabus is intended as a set of guidelines for this course and the instructor reserves the right to make modifications in content, schedule, and requirements as necessary to promote the best education possible within conditions affecting this course. Any changes to the syllabus will be communicated with the students.

Lastly, a note from my desk to you:

Hey there, my name is Mr. Rowsey, and I am excited for our class together! I know this year and the last has been crazy and wild! Thank you for being willing to pursue your education and commit to becoming all you can achieve. A little about me, I love to duck hunt, coach wrestling (Go Bengals, only in wrestling), play video games, and camp! I was born and raised here in Helena and graduated from HHS. After high school, I joined the Army and was privileged enough to be stationed in Korea. When my time with the Army was done, I went to Carroll College and graduated with my degree in Secondary English Education with a focus on mythology. I have a great love for teaching and am so excited for our class together!