

ENGLISH 11 A and B

BRING TO CLASS EVERYDAY:

- iPad
- Two pens
- Book(s)—if we have such antiquated items☺

CONDUCT

Each class period begins with your orderly entrance. Please take your seat immediately.

THE WORK

You will write two essays in 11A and three in 11B. These papers will be anchored in a reading assignment from which you must base your response. The writing in this course is not source based; it is thesis based. Specific instructions for each of these writing projects will be given at the time of assignment.

All papers **MUST BE TYPED AND SAVED**. The benefit of this is that you can readily access your papers and make revisions, as it makes rewriting a lot easier.

You will read *A Farewell to Arms* (11A) and *A Raisin in the Sun* (11B)

You will write a rhetorical analysis of a speech in each course

- 11A—"The Drum Major Instinct" by Dr. Martin Luther King
- 11B—"Inaugural Address by President John F. Kennedy

In English 11B, you will read a poetry unit and write an essay on a poem from that unit.

TESTS

- Vocabulary Quizzes Friday of every even-numbered week of trimester
- Grammar tests
- Final Exam—objective test covering material from the text and 75 vocab words in multiple-choice format with definitions.

DUE DATES

All papers are due on their due dates regardless of whether you are here or not. If you are absent on the day a paper is due, you e-mail it to me. My address is:

➤ [**clackenbucher@casdk12.net**](mailto:clackenbucher@casdk12.net)

You must mail your essay as an **ATTACHMENT** and you must write it in Microsoft Word, Pages or Google Docs. Make sure you send or post it as a Word Document.

I have **A CLASS WEBSITE**. You will find all class materials—literature, novels, vocab, assignment forms, the course cook, chapters from the text book, a blog, and other things. Use it! The address is:

➤ www.lackdown.weebly.com

If you are late turning in an essay, you will lose 10% of the 500 point total per day (50 points per day from a 500-point essay.)

If you fail to turn in your daily homework, you elect to take a zero.

PARTICIPATION

Participation, according to the Handbook, also requires that you do not exceed twelve (12) countable absences. Upon a student's ninth (9th) absence during a trimester, the student will have to earn a C- on the final exam to have his or her grade calculated for that trimester.

THE BUDDY SYSTEM

When you return after an absence, ask a classmate what you missed. If you missed a handout, that handout is waiting for you. If we downloaded any new assignments, your classmate will let you know what you have to get from lackdown.weebly.com

iPAD POLICY Students are responsible for bringing charged iPads to class every day. Work may not be done on cell phones. After two (2) warnings, a write-up will occur each time a student cannot participate in class due to a lack of working iPad.

FINAL EXAM

The final will consist of vocab words in matching format, an objective portion over grammatical material covered in the course, a reading test, and argumentative essay.

GRADES

- 30% of grade—Essays will receive a score out of 500 points.
- 20% of grade—Writing Process—practice writings, drafts, etc.
- 20% of grade—Tests will receive a score out of 100 points
- 15% of grade—Quizzes
- 15% of grade—Classwork and homework.

- Final Exam is 20% of your total grade.

THE GRADING SCALE

A	93-100	C	73-76.9
A-	90-92.9	C-	70-72.9
B+	87-89.9	D+	67-69.9
B	83-86.9	D	63-66.9
B-	80-82.9	D-	60-62.9
C+	77-79.9	E	59 and below

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN CLASS

No food or beverages other than water are permitted in class.

EXTRA CREDIT POLICY

No opportunity for extra credit exists. You must earn credit with the work provided.

Your grade will only be elevated if the total grade average is within less than half of one percent of the next grade. In other words, if your average is an 89.51% B+ I may choose to elevate your grade to a 90.00% A-. If your grade is an 89.49, you will collect the grade you earned. Simply put, the cut-off must appear somewhere to ensure fair and equitable treatment.

Your Signature _____

Your Parents' Signature _____

Men think nothing of
distorting the truth,
closing their eyes
and ears to contrary
evidence to preserve
their logical
constructions.