



This year we will study literature, argument, writing, grammar, and more. Because this is an honors course, you are expected to take responsibility for your learning. I am always here to help you and am willing to meet with you before or after school; however, you must take the initiative to do your best, to stay on top of your work, and to seek out help when you need it.

To help you keep up with assignments and to communicate with me, I keep an extensive website at <http://www.kriegerland.net>. I recommend that you and your parents add this address to your favorites. I update assignments daily. I also post helpful hints and most class handouts on the site. In addition, I do my best to keep the parent portal updated. If you ever see a mistake or have a concern, please let me know.

Grading policy. I use a straight point system. All assignments are worth a specific amount of points, and your final grade is points earned divided by points possible.

Point values vary by assignment. Late work is heavily penalized.

AoW = 10 points

Quiz = 5-15 points

Test = 30- 40 points

Essay = 40-50 points

Projects = vary

Homework & Participation = vary

Texts for this year include **selections** from this list:

Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*

George Orwell's *Animal Farm*

William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*

Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief*

Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

Gene Luen Yang's *American Born Chinese*

Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*

Jon Krakauer's *Into Thin Air*