

Welcome to English 9 Honors Mrs. Krieger | Room 416

I hope that you are as excited about this school year as I am. The main goal of this class is to help students become better readers, writers, and thinkers. More specifically, we will work on:

- Increasing vocabulary skills by learning Greek and Latin bases
- Building, analyzing, and countering arguments
- Reading a variety of texts closely, creatively, and critically
- Understanding the basic tenets of rhetoric
- Writing for various purposes and audiences
- Expanding an appreciation of great literary works
- Creating a learning environment that encourages collaboration and debate
- Having fun



Our major texts will come from the list below. Don't panic. We won't be reading all of these titles, just a selection.

Possible texts: *To Kill a Mockingbird, Animal Farm, Romeo and Juliet, Lord of the Flies, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, American Born Chinese, Great Expectations, and Into Thin Air.*

Grades: All assignments will have a specific point value. These values will be made clear when the assignment is given out. Assignments include: quizzes, projects, tests, essays, homework, and Harkness seminars.

Late work: Generally speaking, late work will not be accepted. Under certain circumstances, late work will be accepted for no more than half credit. Excused absences are an exception to the late policy. However, this is an honors class so you need to do your best to keep up-to-date even when you are absent. **Any makeup work or delayed quizzes are your responsibility. If you fail to make up work, then you will receive no credit for that work.**

Important Note Regarding Athletics and Activities: I know that many of you have packed schedules. If you are going to miss class because of a school event, away game or similar activity, then it is your responsibility to see me before your absence. School activities do not excuse you from due dates. So, for example, if an assignment is due on a Tuesday, but you will be missing my class because of a game, then you must turn in that assignment earlier in the day. If you do not turn it in, then you will receive no credit. It is also your responsibility to speak to a classmate about any lessons or notes covered in class. You can also find assignments on www.kriegerland.net.