

10th Grade Humanities Course Syllabus

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Student Expectations:

- **Take responsibility for your own learning.** We are here to teach, help, and support you. You must be willing to learn, participate, and do the work to the best of your ability. How do you manage your assignments and your calendar?
- **Tolerance.** Understand and recognize that other people have different values, beliefs, and appearances. We will not tolerate language or actions that exclude or demean.
- **Plagiarism.** If you plagiarize an assignment, you will receive a zero, and will notify parent and principal. If you plagiarize twice, we will hold a Care Team meeting and you will receive a failing grade for the semester. If you are confused about what constitutes plagiarism, please ask.
- **Class Attendance.** Attending class means being physically and mentally present—be involved! Be on time and be present. Remember, this year you must show your face on Zoom!

Grading - Mastery based and compliance based

- Mastery based grading is used to determine if a student has mastered the skill required. Mastery grading will be used on all major assignments. Incompletes for a major assignment is not an option!
- Compliance-based grading is used to reward students who are participating in class, doing the practice assignments and taking advantage of the writing process, peer edits, and teacher edits.
- The District does not require a “hold harmless” grading system for this school year. This means that your grade can and will rise or fall, depending on your effort.

Late Work

- All assignments are due at 8:30AM in Google Classroom. We do NOT accept late work for assignments. Please communicate with us in advance (see NOTE* below) when you need extended time. We will work with you.
- If you turn a major assignment in late, you will lose one grade for each class it is late. Later in the day or after school are both considered late.
- Drafts for essay assignments will not be accepted late. Peer Reading Groups, and rough drafts are important parts of the writing process. Students earn full credit for complete drafts. If a draft is missing parts, or lacks effort, points will be deducted.
- *We will accept requests for extensions if they are in writing (in a note or in email) and come at least three days prior to an assignment’s due date. The extension request must include the title of the assignment, reason for requesting the extension, and a proposed new due date. Extension requests will be granted sparingly, and only if the reason for the request is viable. Approved extension requests should be stapled to the assignment when it is submitted.
- We do understand that life sometimes will get in the way. Please be sure to communicate with your advisor and your teachers when you have circumstances that prevent a timely assignment.

Communication:

- We will post assignments in Google classroom and in www.learnstrong.co. Please check the website and your google classroom to see what you missed. If you have questions or do not understand what is going on, please reach out via email or text message.

Book Clubs: Reading, Listening, and Discussing

- Reading allows us to experience the human condition in others, and in ourselves. We are able to learn and connect with various cultures and people through the books we read. These connections allow us to question our roles within our community and world. We are also able to understand other communities, historical contexts, and world events.
- Students are expected to choose a novel from our list, complete the reading assignments on time, join small group zoom meetings, and actively participate in discussions. Books Clubs are student-centered, student-led! Participation is a large part of your grade for this assignment.
- Book Clubs are one of the core components of the humanities curriculum.
- Novels of your choice are posted on www.learnstrong.co, including the Chemistry novel, *Artemis* by Andy Weir.

Upcoming Units* - Units can change based upon the interests of the students.

- Haiti and the Dominican Republic
- WWII - Russia, Germany and the Lithuanians
- Iranian Revolution
- Taiping Rebellion
- Cuban Revolution
- Boxer Rebellion

Please share this syllabus with your parent / guardian.

