English 2A Syllabus

Fall Semester, 2018-2019, Mrs. Ewing

Check the Google Classroom page for more specific assignments and dates posted throughout the year. The syllabus is subject to change; please email me with any questions at jewing@lewispalmer.org.

Semester’s Questions: How do people cope with adversity? How and why do stories matter in understanding who we are?

Students will be using an Interactive Notebook the entire year.

August Skills

Grammar Review: Sentence Parts (PN, PA, IO, DO); Linking Verbs, Passive Verbs, Action Verbs *Quiz on sentence parts and verbs.

Literature and Writing: What are the characteristics of narrative? We will look at how these skills translate to poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. Writing a narrative that might be used for colleges or scholarships.

Technology: Basic Computer Literacy (Saving, Editing, Posting, Sharing)  *Narrative essay

September/October Skills

Grammar: Comma Rules; Types of Sentences; Clauses, Phrases

*Quizzes periodically for all grammar skills

Literature and Writing:
A. Writing Process – drafting; editing; peer editing; conferencing
B. Formatting – MLA (page set-up, citations, work cited page, etc.)
C. Handling Evidence – select and weave quotations, citations, etc.
D. Identifying non-fiction (Selected Readings)
E. Memoir Focus, Night by Elie Wiesel
F. Diction, Vocabulary, Author’s use of Rhetorical Strategies

Research: Allusions in non-fiction, pertaining to Night

Technology: critical analysis project

*Unit projects: propaganda presentation, project/writing assessment

November/December Skills

Grammar/Punctuation: Comma Rules; Types of Sentences; Clauses, Phrases

*Quizzes periodically for all grammar skills

Literature and Writing:
A. Persuasion: identifying in reading and writing (non-fiction selections)
B. What problems exist in your own community regarding adversity? Solutions?

Research: Current events issues

*Unit Summative Problem/Solution Presentation

Final Assessments: Problem/Solution Presentation 50%
Grammar Test 25%; In-class Essay 25%