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Novels –2020-2021

Lake Mills High School

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Course Description:

Novels is an elective course in which students read novels and discuss various topics arising from the novels, such as interpretation, critical analysis or social issues. At times the whole class will read the same novel, and at times students will have choices. Writing assignments will support the development of reading and discussion skills, which are the main emphasis of the course. Virtual students will be expected to join synchronous Meets with the in-person students on a regular basis because of the emphasis on discussion in this class.

How to Succeed

I. The Numbers

- A. All assignments and resources will be posted on Google Classroom.
- B. Attendance is important, including virtual Meets. If absent:
 1. *You are responsible for follow-up. Your teacher will not come to you.*
 2. Use the online resources available to you and see your teacher during Advisory or contact through email or Google Classroom.
- C. You will take pride in your work by working to the best of your ability.
 1. Formative assessments like journals and project planning make up 10% of your grade, while summative assessments like essays and projects make up 90%.
 2. First semester grade will include second quarter (90%) and the semester exam (10%). (Second semester TBD.) Grading Scale is the standard LMHS scale.
 3. Check Skyward for grades and missing work.
 4. Late work will be penalized.
 5. Cheating or plagiarism will be dealt with according to the Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook.

II. The Tools

- A. You will be on time and prepared for class every day. The following materials should be brought to class every day:
 1. Novels (distributed by instructor or available for pickup in the front lobby).
 2. Class materials organized electronically or in a binder (you are NOT required to print things at home); any assignment due that day; your planner/homework system; other supplies as needed, such as paper, pen/pencil, device.
- B. **KEEP ALL COURSE MATERIALS!!** You will have a cumulative semester exam/project so you'll need all your materials to help you prepare.
- C. Technology
 1. Be sure to connect with your teacher if you need help getting a device and/or internet access.
 2. All assignments will be submitted electronically to Google Classroom or to Turnitin.com. Directions will be available in class and on Google Classroom.

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3. Although the school provides access to computers and the Internet, you may use your own mobile devices during class time. This use is for class-related work only, and you must accept that school personnel may monitor you. This privilege doesn't extend beyond the English classroom. The District accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged devices.
4. Please see the student handbook for more details.

III. The Attitude

A. Attentive Listening

1. When someone else is talking, you're not.
2. Take notes – use them to review and reinforce information later.

B. Appreciations – No Put Downs

C. Right to participate/pass

1. Sometimes participation is for a grade.
2. Be sure to ask for help when you need it.
3. Use class time wisely!

D. Mutual Respect

1. Follow Lake Mills High School rules as well as my classroom rules.
2. Discuss any concerns you have about your learning with me in a timely manner – before or after school or during Advisory (or other times by appointment). You can also contact me via email or Google Classroom.
3. If you are asked to leave the room for inappropriate behavior, you will make up the wasted time before or after school.
4. Please stay in class as much as possible – limit unnecessary trips to the restroom or your locker by managing your passing time wisely.
5. This is your learning environment – help keep it clean and organized, and show respect to the furniture and supplies provided to you.

Parents/Guardians: To support your student's success, you can check their grades regularly on Skyward Family Access, keep up with their assignments using the online resources on this handout, and contact Ms. Morris with any questions or concerns. Google Classroom can email parents a weekly update, so just email Ms. M. if you don't already receive the Guardian Summaries.

Let's Have A Fantastic Year!

We have read and understood all policies of Novels. We accept that credit may not be earned if these policies are not followed. Signing this handout is a homework assignment worth 15 points.

Please use the Google Form to submit an electronic signature:

<https://forms.gle/5uT79tJpzXqFX4q8>

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