

Cornwall Central High School

English 11 - Ms. Helm

Welcome to English 11! This course is based on the premise that English is a skill to be learned and practiced regularly, much the same way you learn to drive a car. The skills that you develop in this class will continue to be useful to you throughout your entire life! For this reason, it is very important that you keep up with the assignments and participate actively to develop these skills. This course focuses on the advancement of reading literature, reading informational texts, writing, speaking and listening.

It is important to maintain a sense of community and respect in our classroom. We will acknowledge that each person in class will have their own opinions, strengths, and weaknesses. We will not always agree with each other, but we will strive to become better listeners and participate in productive discussions and debates.

GOALS

- reading comprehension
- writing skills
- critical thinking
- public speaking
- working collaboratively

SUPPLY LIST

- binder OR notebook
- folder
- pens/pencils/highlighters
- Post-It Notes
- school issued chromebook (and charger)
- novels and other reading materials supplied by Ms. Helm

EXPECTATIONS

- participate in class discussions and complete classwork to the best of your ability
- complete homework before class on the day it is due
- check school email at the beginning and end of each school day
- check Google Classroom AND contact Ms. Helm when you are absent

GRADES

Quarter grades are based on:

1-25 points	20-50 points	40-100 points
Homework Classwork Participation	Quizzes	Tests Writing Assignments Projects

Your overall grade in the course is based on:

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Midterm Exam	Regents Exam
21%	21%	21%	21%	6%	10%

*Plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstance. Any student who plagiarizes will face serious consequences: a phone call home, receiving zero credit for the work, and a report to administration.

*Grades will be posted on SchoolTool/Parent Portal.

* If a student misses the regents exam, this will be factored into their final average as a zero. Students will not be given INC (Incomplete) for regents exams unless they can provide medical documentation excusing their absence. The English Language Arts exam is scheduled for June 14, 2023.

CELL PHONES AND EARBUDS/HEADPHONES

As everyone knows, cell phones and earbuds/head phones cause distractions. It is for that reason that in the 2023-24 school year, cell phone use will be strictly prohibited (unless otherwise instructed for the given lesson). Upon entering the classroom, the student is required to place his/her cell phone out of sight, preferably **in their bookbag/purse-- NOT in their pocket/on their person.** **Headphones/earbuds must also be put away with the phone.** Should the student be caught violating the classroom guidelines for cell phone use, the following protocol will follow:

1st offense- warning

2nd offense- warning and a teacher phone call home

3rd offense- teacher phone call home and a teacher consequence

4th offense- referral

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is necessary for student success. In order to properly learn and retain information, students need to be in class and participating in a lesson. Staying home and submitting assignments via *Google Classroom* is not a substitute for instruction from a teacher. NYS has a seat time requirement for students to earn credit. Students who have poor attendance will be required to meet with school social workers about school avoidance and families will be required to work with high school staff to chart a course of action to correct a student's attendance. If attendance issues are not resolved, school staff may need to contact additional outside resources to intervene.

TARDINESS

In addition to daily attendance it is necessary that students are on time for school/class. Students that come into class late disrupt the learning that is taking place and are missing seat time. Students that develop habits of lateness will be required to meet with school support staff and their parents/guardians to create a plan of action to arrive at school/class on time. Students that are late will be subject to discipline.

LATE WORK

- Writing assignments (final drafts), projects, or long term assignments will lose 10 points every day an assignment is late. After five days, the later work will NOT be accepted.
- Quizzes and tests must be made up within 5 days of returning to class. It is your responsibility to schedule a make up time with Ms. Helm.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Open communication is important. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I will do my best to support you. I am in different classrooms throughout the day, so the best/fastest way to reach me is through email. Please be sure to tell me the best number and time to reach you and I will give you a call.

I look forward to spending a fantastic year together!