

## Reading and Writing

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I recommend using my website for this class. I provide duplicates of most handouts, and I have interactive quizzes for you to use for studying for tests and quizzes.

### Required Materials:

- *The Language of Literature* (Orange literature textbook)
- Grammar workbook
- Notebook
- **Highly Recommended:**
  - Pocket dictionary – (I suggest the *American Heritage Dictionary: 4<sup>th</sup> edition* paperback)
- Pens/pencils (please have both)
- Folder (a separate one for English only)
- Agenda

### Classroom Rules:

All ACHS policies will be followed. See your agenda for rules.

- Sit in assigned seats
- No more than 2 passes a month to bathroom or locker are allowed.

Any disrespectful behavior toward the classroom, fellow classmates, and/or school personnel will be punished according to the degree of the offense.

**Units of Study:** throughout the year, we will cover vocabulary, grammar, writing, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Of Mice and Men*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, short stories, nonfiction, and poetry.

**Grades:** all in-class assignments, tests, quizzes, papers, and homework will earn points. Points will accumulate throughout the semester. Grading scale:

A = 100 – 90%  
B = 89 – 80%  
C = 79 – 70%  
D = 69 – 60%  
F = 59% and below

Late work will be taken for half credit. (Example: a paper that earns a 70% that was turned in late will be worth a 35%). Please be sure to communicate with me if problems occur.

You are responsible for all assignments on the day that they are due regardless of absence between the assignment and due date. (If you are in class on Monday, and a paper is assigned for Wednesday, and you are absent on Tuesday, the paper is still due on Wednesday).

If you miss a class period, it is **your responsibility** to get the assignments from me before or after school on the day that you return. DO NOT disrupt class time getting your missed assignments. You will have one class period per absence to make up homework or tests and quizzes.

**\*\*If you have any questions or problems throughout the year, *DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK!* I am available before and after school. Almost every problem can be solved and questions answered when you calmly communicate with me. You may also e-mail me with school related concerns.\*\***