**Vista Murrieta High School**

***Home of the Broncos***

**Mr. Hornsey- Education Specialist**

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**English III Basic**

**Course Description:** English III is a course designed to not only meet, but to exceed, the state and district standards in English Language Arts. This course emphasizes further development in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions, and listening and speaking within a curriculum that adheres to California Common Core Standards for English Language Arts. Students will be exposed to a variety of American Literary genres, including poetry, drama, short stories, novels and non-fiction texts. They will also compose argumentative, narrative, and informational pieces of writing.

**Core Texts:**

Students may be exposed to selections from the following:

* *Fahrenheit 451*
* *A Raisin in the Sun*
* *House on Mango Street*
* *Catcher in the Rye*
* *Multi-cultural Reader*
* *Fences*
* *The Crucible*

**Grading Scale:**

Reading Informational Texts & Literature – 30%

Writing – 30%

Listening and Speaking – 20%

Language – 20%

90-100% = A

80-89.9% = B

70-79.9% = C

60-69.9% = D

59.9% & below = F

(+/- used in scale)

**Cell Phone Policy:**

Phones must be put silenced and put away at the beginning of class. Students will be afforded one (1) warning per class period to put phone away after which they must put their phone in a designated area or will be sent to Student Support Services.

**Make-up Homework Policy:**

When a student is absent from school, it is his/her responsibility to contact teachers upon returning to school regarding make-up work. Students are allowed twice the number of days they were absent to make up work they missed. If a student is absent for three (3) days or more, the parent should call and request the work. Teachers will be given a 24-hour notice to provide make up work.

**Late Work:**

Assignments will be open for the duration of each 6 week term. After that, they will be closed and make up work will not be accepted. There will be a 10% deduction per day for late work. Work will only be accepted for the current grading period (6 week term). I will not accept late work from the previous terms.

**Academic Integrity Policy:** Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating on classroom tests and quizzes, copying homework and notes from another student, forging, altering school documents, plagiarism, and text messaging regarding test data or information. Student’s turning in work that is not original will receive a 0 on the assignment. To foster appropriate academic integrity, students may be required to submit assignments using turnitin.com. **Consequences of academic dishonesty follow VMHS Discipline Matrix in 2022-23 Student-Parent Handbook.**

**Resources Available:**

* After school tutoring (free) Monday-Thursday 2:30 – 3:30 in Room EE15.
* VMHS library (Mon-. Fri. 7:00- 3:30) offers texts, resources, computer use and printing.

**Materials Needed:**

* Pencils, pens, erasers, etc…
* 1 ½ inch 3 ring binder
* Insertable Big Tab Dividers Multicolor, 8 tabs (can be found at Staples)
* College Ruled Filler Paper

**Homework Assignments:**

* Annotations
* Articles of the Week-Nonfiction articles
* Group or Individual projects
* Vocabulary

**Videos shown in class are as follows:**

* *A Raisin in the Sun*
* *Fahrenheit 451*
* *The Crucible*

**Classroom Expectations**

As in the real world, attendance, punctuality, and the ability to do your job effectively are critical for success in this class.

1. Arrive to class on time
2. Come to class prepared with all materials
3. Prepare for and participate in course related activities
4. Complete assignments on time and turn them in by their due date
5. Follow classroom rules and procedures

If you need to contact me for any reason, my phone number is (951) 894-5750 extension 6675. My e-mail address: zhornsey@murrieta.k12.ca.us.

I have read and understand the requirements of Mr. Hornsey’s English class. Please sign and return the bottom half of this letter by the end of the week. Thank You.

Print Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_