Lane Tech College Preparatory High School

H World Literature/Mr. LoGalbo

2015-2016

**Objective:**

The objective of this course is to take an educational journey that will push all of us to think, communicate, and grow as students, as peers, and most importantly, as people. We will create a learning atmosphere where every person feels extensively challenged, yet perfectly ready to participate and communicate as passengers on this journey. Our journey will target primarily five aspects of study, which are as follows:

1. Literature from all over the world (different times, cultures, politics, beliefs, etc.)
2. Speaking
3. Writing
4. Word Power (Vocabulary)
5. Developing our understanding of our own lives and the world around us in preparation for the next chapter of our lives

**Goals:**

Students that successfully complete this journey will:

* Understand the core genres of literature conceptually (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc.), as well as an understanding of how they apply politically, philosophically, culturally, and historically
* Apply analytical skills as they apply to each of the primary aspects of study
* Apply vocabulary (literary terms, grammatical terms, writing terms, etc.) comprehension that will strengthen communication skills, both orally and in written form
* Apply and develop writing skills through helpful writing strategies and different types of writing prompts and activities
* Learn about ourselves and the world we live in today through the primary aspects of study and our in-class/on-line discussions

**How to successfully complete our journey:**

* SHOW UP! (PHYSICALLY AS WELL AS MENTALLY)
  + Obviously you will need to be here physically as it is a part of Lane Tech’s attendance policy (plus, there is no way to pass this class without being here and doing your work). It is also imperative that you show up mentally each and every day in order to not only challenge yourself, but to challenge your classmates as well as Mr. LoGalbo. We are all depending on each other to successfully complete our journey, don’t let your journeymen and women down! If you are absent it is YOUR responsibility to contact your DHP to obtain the work you missed and any notes or announcements that you will need before school the day that you return or from another student in class.
* DO YOUR WORK!
  + I guarantee the your journey will fail if you decide to be lazy and not do your work. My policy is that you can receive half credit for an assignment that is a day late and after that it will automatically be entered as a zero. If there is one thing that you are all definitely going to take away from my personality is that I have NO TOLERANCE for laziness. There is no reason for deciding to not do your work. Having that type of mentality will not get you where you want to go on your journey. We are all blessed with different gifts and ways to learn, which is also what makes our journey so interesting. There is, however, no discrepancy in our ability to do work. You are all capable of reaching heights you’ve never reached before, but it starts with hard work!

**Class Materials**

* Writing utensils
* Composition notebook (journal)
* Binder with five dividers and loose leaf paper
  + NOTE: all novels will be purchased with the $20.00 fee from Quickstart and all handouts will be available for you to print from my website
    - Website: mrlogalbo.weebly.com

**Classroom Rules:**

* All school policies and rules that are found in your student handbook apply to this class, no questions asked. With that stated, I would like to clarify that I have ONE CLASS RULE THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES:
  + RESPECT YOURSELVES, RESPECT YOUR CLASSMATES, RESPECT YOUR SCHOOL, AND RESPECT YOUR TEACHER(S)!
* I will be the judge of your classroom conduct. There is a lot of ground covered in this one rule and it is up to me to decide how to manage our journey based on this rule. I believe that even though there is a lot of ground covered in this one rule that there should not be very many questions about how it works. By now you all know how to behave in a civilized society and it is ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE that thie rule be followed in order for us to meet our objectives.

**Plagiarism**

* Plagiarism means failure and suspension. DO NOT BREAK MY CLASS RULE BY CHEATING! YOU WILL NOT BE RESPECTING YOURSELF, YOUR CLASSMATES, YOUR SCHOOL, NOR YOUR TEACHER. Be honest and work hard; the two key ingredients to being successful!

**How you will be graded:**

* My class operates on total points logic, meaning every assignment has a point total and your final percentage is determined by the total points you’ve earned divided by the total points available for the semester. Tests are worth 100 points, presentations 50 points, quizzes 25 points, homework assignments 10 points and you will also be graded on your participation through a variety of in-class and on-line discussions.
  + A: 90-100
  + B-80-89
  + C-70-79
  + D-60-69
  + F-59 and below

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