

FRESHMAN ENGLISH
Wenatchee High School // First Semester 2007-2008

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Room: 255
Preparation Period: Fifth

Course Description and Requirements

This course concentrates on reading comprehension, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

Reading Assignments: several short stories and a novella, Animal Farm. Literary terms are introduced that will prepare students to be successful in the remainder of their high school years.

Writing formal English sentences and paragraphs requires concentration. Therefore, basic parts of English grammar are emphasized to help students understand the dynamics of English writing and speech.

Required assignments: Each student **must complete** the following assignments in order to receive credit for Freshman English at the end of the semester: summary, narrative, and descriptive paragraphs; a literary analysis; and an informative speech. The summary and literary analysis are also a part of each student's Collection of Evidence.

Assessment/Evaluation

All work has due dates. Students are responsible for obtaining and completing all assignments. 25% reduction in grade for papers turned in one day late. Excused absences do not extend due dates. Pre-arranged absences will require students to make adjustments in their class work schedule in advance. Quiz make up for excused absences must be completed within a week and requires an appointment with Mr. Zobel before or after school.

Grades are posted on Mr. Zobel's web page and in the room on a regular basis. A = 93%; A- = 90%; B+ = 87%; B = 83%; B- = 80%; C+ = 77%; C = 73%; C- = 70%; D = 60%; F = <60%.

The Wenatchee School District requires a Common Reading and Common Writing Assessment as a part of each student's Collection of Evidence during the first semester.

Assistance for Learning

Mr. Zobel makes himself available to assist individuals by appointment either before or after school. The English Department also provides a mentor teacher on Thursday evenings in the school library.

Parental Contact with Mr. Zobel

The most efficient way to contact Mr. Zobel is by e-mail: zobel.n@whs.wsd.wednet.edu. You may also contact Mr. Zobel by telephone: please leave a message with Mrs. Szot, the English Department secretary.

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I acknowledge receipt of this course syllabus for my son/daughter.

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Situations

Make a calm retreat from the building to the left-hand side of the practice field. Attendance is taken with referrals given for students not reporting to Mr. Zobel.

Should Mr. Zobel require assistance (1) telephone the office and/or (2) go to a neighboring classroom and ask the teacher to notify the office.

Classroom Management

Students are responsible to maintain a positive learning environment for themselves and others within the classroom. Preparation for class begins with each student bringing their own resources: paper, pencils, pens (black or dark blue ink), homework, and book(s). Be prepared emotionally to learn. Do not interfere with instruction or other student's learning.

Be in class on time. Wenatchee High School's attendance policy is clearly articulated in the Student Planner on pages seven through nine.

Three "Business" Coupons allow students specific privileges for the semester.

All books, equipment, and furniture in the classroom are either the property of Wenatchee High School or Mr. Zobel. Students will treat desks, textbooks, technology equipment, and Mr. Zobel's personal items with respect.

No personal electronic devices (radios, telephones, games, etc.) are acceptable in the classroom.

Food and Drink: only plain water, and not near the classroom computers.

Come appropriately dressed according to the WHS Planner, pages 11 and 12.

Failure to Work Policy. Concern levels: teacher conference with student; teacher notifies parent/guardian; notification to counselor; notification to administrator; removal from class. (WHS Policy)