MRS. DOYLE

JR. HIGH PHILOSOPHY
What do you THINK?
T.H.I.N.K. - Thoughtful, Helpful, Inquisitive, Necessary, Kind

2019-20
Jefferson Academy
We are all stories, in the end.

ENGLISH 7

OFFICE HOURS
AM - 7:30 - 8:15 (M, T, Th)
* in the LIBRARY
PM - 3:20 - 3:55 (M-TH)
* in rm 139

CONTACT ME
My website is available under the Academics tab of the JA secondary website
adoyle@jajags.com*
*I typically respond to email within 24 hours.
If you need emergency help on an assignment, I recommend re-checking my website and asking your classmates first, but I will try to help if I see your question in time.

ON THE WEB
In English, we use a couple supplementary websites:
- NoRedInk for grammar
- Vocabulary.com for vocabulary

RULES AND POLICIES

GRADES
Grades in English are weighted. You can check your grades at any time using Infinite Campus

35%
Papers & Projects

35%
Homework & Quizzes

30%
Tests & Classwork

LATE WORK & RETAKES

Homework: Late homework is accepted for 50% of the original score. (See back page for more info.)
Tests & Quizzes: Tests scoring below 85% can be redone for a chance at a higher score after a conference with Mrs. Doyle.

TECHNOLOGY
Be sure to check Google Classroom daily for assignment resources and reminders and announcements about assignments and other class activities.

- We have a 1:1 policy for technology. Students are expected to supply their own devices; we have a limited number of spare Chromebooks in case of forgotten or uncharged devices. Students found to be off-task forfeit technology privileges and will work by hand for the day.
- Cell phones will be placed in Phone Jail daily. Devices discovered not in phone jail will be sent to the office.

MATERIAL
Middle School is an excellent time for building organizational strategies & habits. Bringing the following tools to class daily will keep you organized:

- Red Folder & Planner (supplied by JA)
- 1"-2" Binder for ELA notes or returned work
- Spiral Notebook for daily Warm-Ups
- Varied colors of pens, pencils, & highlighters
- Sticky Notes
WHAT TO EXPECT IN THIS CLASS

This class can be really fun if you are willing to come prepared and follow directions. As a teacher, I believe that each student’s story is important, and I want to give them access to others’ stories and words to tell their own. This means that I expect participation, and I expect respectful listening when others are sharing. I want my students know they are loved and that they matter, and I will not tolerate behavior that makes them feel insignificant or unsafe (this means distracting behavior, rude comments, not taking each other or me seriously). I recognize that English might not be your cup of tea, but it can still be worth—while if students are willing to listen and have a good attitude.

Students interested in Honors may complete the Honors Portfolio to earn Honors credit at the end of the semester; please see Mrs. Doyle for more details.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Attendance & Absences
Attendance is crucial to your success. If you are absent, please check the website for the assignments from the day(s) you missed.
- Attendance is taken the first 5 minutes of class. Repeated tardies will result in parent contact and detention.
- You have two days for each day absent to make up work. After that point, it will be counted as Late.
- Work due on the date of an absence should be turned in first thing upon your return.

Behavior & Attitude
Your education is a privilege, and any disruptive or inappropriate behavior leads to others losing out on learning opportunities.
- Be respectful to the teacher and other students.
- Be in your seat when the bell rings with your material for class.
- Come prepared with assigned work completed. Failure to do homework will lead to you falling behind.
- No bullying or inappropriate or offensive language will be tolerated.

Late Work & Grades
- Missing work will be accepted for late credit until the end of the Unit. It is from (Ex: No Poetry accepted once Jekyll & Hyde has begun).
- I strive to update at least one assignment in my gradebook per week (more whenever possible). English is subjective and sometimes takes longer to grade than other subjects; thank you for your patience.
- Late & Absent work must be submitted to the Late/Absent box and labelled “Late” or “Absent.”
- Late & Missing work is updated Thursday mornings before Eligibility.
- Work due during a student absence will be marked with an “a” for Absent on Infinite Campus—this is not a 0. Just a friendly reminder that the work is still due.
- If an assignment has a long-term deadline, I do not offer extensions.
- I do not offer extra credit.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Each unit includes short stories, non-fiction articles, and a Medium Constructed Response

1st Quarter
- Establishing classroom procedures and year-long skills
- Study of Fairy Tales
- Narrative Writing
- Book Report 1: Free choice
  - Summary Due
    - 10/2
  - Report Due 10/14

2nd Quarter
- Poetry
- Excerpts from Out of the Dust
- Book Report 2: Newbery
  - Summary Due
    - 12/5
  - Report Due 12/13

3rd Quarter
- Expository Writing
- The Outsiders
- Book Report 3: Classic
  - Summary Due
    - 3/5
  - Report Due 3/11

4th Quarter
- Research & Persuasive Writing
- Our Town
- Book Report 4: Free choice
  - Summary Due
    - 5/1
  - Report Due 5/12-14

Final Exam
Each semester will have a final exam. It will be cumulative, and the May final will incorporate information from both semesters.

A Note on Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is copying or using someone else’s work without giving credit. It is a form of cheating and carries serious consequences, including plagiarized work receiving a permanent 0%.
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Please detach and return this page to acknowledge that you have read and understand the syllabus. Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding policies: adoyle@ajags.com.

Signed syllabus is due Tuesday, August 20th.

STUDENT PRINTED NAME: ____________________________________________

STUDENT SIGNATURE: ______________________________________________

PARENT PRINTED NAME: ___________________________________________

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