

In English class we will refine our reading and writing skills as outlined in the ACT and Common Core Standards. We will study writing in conjunction with grammar and mechanics. We will continue to explore numerous pieces of literature in various genres. Learning will be demonstrated a variety of ways including tests, quizzes, papers, demonstrations, projects, presentations, essays and creative writing.

**VIRTUAL STUDENTS**

Please be aware this syllabus applies to you as well. You are required to have the same supplies and texts as in class students. Not all assignments will translate to a computer keyboard. You will still be required to hand write and color code various assignments and take a picture of the assignment to turn in to google classroom. Portions of this syllabus apply directly to you as well. The Reading List, Grading Breakdown, Make Up Work, Retakes, and Parental Rating Permission Form Policies are all the same for online students. The first assignment for you to complete in the gradebook, is to get a signed copy of this syllabus, to me, by September 12, 2020. Please be aware my virtual class period is 2nd period, and my class title and code are as follows: “8th

Grade English (2020-2021); Class code: 6zlvqmo

**REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS**

For sanitation reasons, I will not be able to have shared supplies this year! Therefore, it is critical that every student has his/her OWN supplies this year:

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| Loose-leaf paper for assignments                           | Glue Sticks                    |
| Spiral or composition notebook <u>for this class only!</u> | Pens or pencils (ALL YEAR)     |
| Colors (colored pencils or markers)                        | Fine point Sharpies or markers |

**READING LIST**

Please show this list to your parents so they can be aware of your studies

The following will be read during 8<sup>th</sup> grade with Mrs. Appleby:

- 1) *Call of the Wild*    2) *The Outsiders*    3) *Two Old Women*
- 4) *The Cask of Amontillado*                      5) *The Tell-Tale-Heart*
- 6) *The Raven*    7) *The Six Swans*    8) *The Pigman*
- 9) *Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Speckled Band*

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ENGLISH GRADING BREAKDOWN**

Bigfork Middle School Grading Scale is as follows:

- 100%-90% - A      89%-80% - B      79%-70% - C      69%-60% - D      59%-lower - F

**MAKE-UP WORK**

If you miss school, check the whiteboard for information about the current week’s activities, and ask your peers for clarification of directions before or after class. If you need additional help from Mrs. Appleby, please plan to come in during your lunch time. All make-up quizzes and tests must be done during our new scheduled WIN time.

**RE-TAKES**

Retakes of tests and major projects will be allowed. If you need to retake a test, be aware that the format will change! This will eliminate being able to study the first test and memorize it. Retakes

could be more rigorous from the original assignment and retakes must be done during WIN time. **However, worksheets and classwork will NOT be allowed to be redone. You need to write in complete sentences, seek support, and give your best effort the first time through.**

### EXTRA SUPPORT

I am available at lunch, and additional times may be arranged; just ask me!

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Mrs. Appleby – [sappleby@bigfork.k12.mt.us](mailto:sappleby@bigfork.k12.mt.us)  
406.837.7412

### PARENTAL RATINGS PERMISSION

Due to the media literacy requirements of Common Core Standards, and also popular demand, we will view different movies, documentaries and media snippets in this class. Please initial below whether or not your student has permission to watch PG (or TV-PG) rated fiction and documentaries throughout the year. (Some titles we may watch with a PG rating are: *White Fang*, *Call of the Wild*, *The Outsiders*, *Crash Course Youtube Channel*, *Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Speckled Band*) If high rating movies are necessary, I will send home a separate slip.

#### Initial one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I give my student permission to watch PG viewings in English class.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give my student permission to watch PG viewings in English class.

### FOOD POLICY

Because of new COVID guidelines snacks and drinks will not be allowed during class this year. You have a 10 minute breakfast/snack time every morning, and this year you will be getting lunch earlier than ever before! Plan to have your snack during those times.

### TARDY POLICY

You must be in class when the bell rings or you will be considered **tardy**. You may **come to class prepared with materials including: paper and writing utensils, homework assignments, books, etc.**

### ELECTRONIC DEVICES

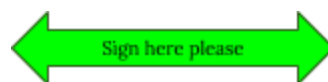
Cell phones and computers may be used only with teacher permission. I actually love when we use cell phones and laptops for learning, BUT they should not even be on your desk (because they are so tempting) without teacher permission. Just ask me first! You may not wear headphones in my classroom unless you specifically ask and are granted permission from me.

I have read the above and understand the expectations reviewed. **Please sign and return just this signature page to Mrs. Appleby by Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**

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Parent or Guardian Name

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Student Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature



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Student Signature

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN EMAIL**

**(\*Please provide your most used email address. Thanks!)**

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