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**English 10 Syllabus**

Saraland High School

**Course Description**

This course is designed to facilitate growth and understanding of the Alabama College and Career Ready Standards. During our time together, we will enjoy works such as, *Night* by Elie Wiesel and Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar* while improving grammar, writing, communication and presentation skills. I look forward to working with each of you and learning together throughout this semester.

**Class Rules**

• Be on time.

• Be prepared for class. This includes having paper, book, electronic device, homework, and writing utensil. o **If you forget your homework, it will be considered late.**

• Remain in your seat at all times, unless otherwise instructed.

• Respect yourself, others and the classroom.

• Speak only when you have permission.

• Clean up after yourself.

**Supplies** Bring everything you’ll need, such as Bell Ringer sheet, 2-inch binder with lined paper, grammar notebook, a pencil, a pen, and work that’s due, to class every day. Here is a list of supplies you will need throughout the semester:

• An electronic device (preferably a laptop, but a tablet or phone will work)

• At least a 2” binder with pockets for this class only with dividers or tabs

• A one subject notebook for grammar notes (kept in binder)

• Loose-leaf lined paper

• Pencils

• Colored Pencils or Markers

• One or two black or blue pens (work will not be accepted in colored ink)

• At least one colored pen for editing work

• One pack of highlighters that include blue, yellow, and green colors

• One pack of white lined 3x5 index cards

• One pack of colored lined 3x5 index cards

• Flash drive for saving papers (a Google Drive is acceptable as well)

\*\*Other materials (i.e. poster board, shoe box, etc.) may be needed for certain projects and writing assignments.

**Cell Phones**

1st offense-student can get back at the end of the day

2nd offense-ISS for remainder of block, parent must come get phone that day

3rd offense-ISS for one day

4th offense- suspension

Student refusal to give phone to teacher- automatic defiance referral

**Ear Buds/Headphones**

• No ear buds/headphones are permitted in the hallways or the classroom, **unless specified by the teacher!**

• It is considered a safety issue that could potentially prevent a student from hearing an announcement or alarm.

• They will need to be in your bag.

• A student’s failure to comply with this rule will result a call to administration.

**Dress Code**

Uniforms as in student code of conduct. Masks in solid school colors may be worn when in hall and in the classroom.

**Food/Drink**

Our school custodial staff works hard to maintain a certain standard of cleanliness. We honor that in our classrooms by not allowing food/drink.

• Absolutely no eating or drinking in class (not including documented medical conditions). • All food/drink trash is to be thrown away in common areas, not the classroom. (Students are permitted to have a water bottle in class)

**Tardy**

Per semester, tardiness to school or class for students 6-12 shall be addressed as follows: 4th tardy- 1 Hour after school detention, parent notification

5th tardy- 1 Hour after school detention assignment or Saturday school, parent notification 6th tardy- 1 day ISS assignment, parent notification

7th tardy-2 days ISS assignment and notification letter from attendance officer

8th tardy-3 days ISS assignment, parent notification

If a student checks in or out five (5) times unexcused, it will be converted to an unexcused absence per period/block for the purpose of loss of credit.

**Consequences**

• 1st offense: Verbal warning

• 2nd offense: Written reflection

• 3rd offense: Parent contact

• 4th offense: Office referral

\*These steps will be taken unless there is a major infraction. In the case of a major discipline problem, the student will automatically be written up and sent to the office.

**Remind**

Parents/Guardians and Students, please sign up for my Remind messages.

English 10 CPR

Text @*barniclesh* to 81010

English 10 Honors

Text @*barnicle23* to 81010

Please let me know if you have problems signing up. I send many reminders and notifications throughout the semester using Remind, and I want you to be in the loop! ☺

**AI Statement**

• This course will allow—in some cases, even encourage—the use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI) techniques in some assignments. Unless otherwise indicated, the default is that this kind of use is prohibited. GAI use must be recognized and referenced. Academic misconduct will be the result of breaking this policy and could result in loss of credit for the assignment(s) as referenced in the cheating policy in the Saraland City Schools’ Student Handbook. It is the student's responsibility to follow the requirements of each course or assignment.

**Cheating**

• Cheating WILL NOT be tolerated. The school’s disciplinary policy, as listed below, will be strictly enforced. This includes plagiarism and cheating on homework, tests, projects, etc.

1st Offense Grade of zero given by teacher; parent notified

2nd Offense Grade of zero given by teacher; office referral - assigned ISS/Saturday School parent notified

3rd Offense Grade of zero given by teacher; office referral - one day off-campus suspension; parent notified; counselor informed

4th Offense Grade of zero given by teacher; office referral - two days off-campus suspension; parent notified; meeting with principal and counselor

**Make-Up Work**

• Make-up work is the student’s responsibility. All assignments are uploaded to the Schoology platform. • Students have **three** days total to make-up an assignment after an **excused** absence. If the student fails to make-up the assignment in the allotted time a grade of zero will then be recorded for the assignment. • Tests and assignments can be scheduled to be made up with Mrs. Barnicle. **You are responsible for scheduling this appointment.**

• If a student has a “1” entered as a test grade or for an assignment, the student needs to make-up that test or assignment due to an absence.

**Attendance**

Student attendance is necessary to his or her success in the classroom.

**Grades**

Grades follow this scale:

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 59 or below

Progress reports are issued at mid-quarter if the student has a “60” or below in class or upon parent request. Parents may also access their student’s grades online through Power Schools.

**Need to Contact Me?**

Feel free to talk to me in Room 123 before school (by appointment) or after school (by appointment) if you have questions or concerns regarding your progress in my class. If you need to reach me after-hours, the best way is via email at **mmbarnicle@saralandboe.org**.

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**SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS:**

I am looking forward to a successful school year with you and your student. I have developed this course outline to give you an idea of what we will be covering this year. After reading the outline, please complete the information below. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at mmbarnicle@saralandboe.org. You may also contact me through the school at 251-602-8970, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

By signing this course outline, I am stating that I have read and will comply with all aspects of this class. This signature page is due on or before **January 10th, 2025**

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Student’s signature (please print name also)

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Parent’s/Guardian’s signature (please print name also)

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Parent’s/Guardian’s email address