**Unit of Study**

The following works of literature will be the anchor (main) texts for this course’s thematic units:

 🕮Facing Adversity- Short Stories 🕮*The Odyssey*

🕮*Romeo and Juliet* 🕮 *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Each unit will focus on a theme rather than a genre. Smaller readings with the same theme will accompany each anchor text. All material will be provided in class and on my website.

**School and Classroom Rules:**

*All students are expected to follow the rules and guidelines set by the Assumption High School Administration and the* Assumption *Parish School Board.*

At AHS, you are expected to show Mustang PRIDE at all times:

AHS Mission Statement:

Assumption High School is an

**A**cademic institution promoting

**Hi**gh expectations resulting in

**S**uccessful Students.

**P**repared

**R**espectful

**I**nvolved

**D**etermined

**E**ncouraging

Additionally, in order for any class to run smoothly, it must be guided by certain expectations. In this class, you should

1. Respect yourself and others. Respect is defined as courteous consideration. It encompasses a wide range of appropriate conduct. There should be no name calling, profanity, hitting or touching, speaking out of turn, moving about the room without permission, taking or borrowing things without permission, and any other disruptive or impolite behavior.
2. Be in class on time and ready with all materials—bellwork should be out at the tardy bell.
3. Follow directions—your ability to follow directions is important for college and career readiness—inability to follow written directions will result in a lowered grade.
4. Work effectively in pairs, small groups, or teams
5. Actively participate in class activities and discussion
6. Complete homework and classroom assignments on time. Use class time effectively. An alarm will ring one minute before the bell, students can pack up at that alarm, not before.
7. As per school rules, phones should not be seen or used in class unless you have specific permission from me to use them.
8. Gum, food, and/or drinks are not allowed in class without permission.
9. If you are in doubt about my expectations, ask me.

Some rewards for positive behavior include but are not limited to the following: (1) class time given to complete homework assignments, (2) no homework assignment for the day/homework passes (3) candy/treats /tokens (4) positive calls/notes home (5) mutual respect.

**Absences**

As indicated in the Assumption Parish code of conduct, students have “up to three (3) days, or a number of days equal to the number of days of consecutive absences, whichever is greater, following the return to class, to make up work. Failure to make up work will result in failing marks for missed assignments/assessments given during the absence.” Students will receive an I(incomplete) for any missed an assignment as well as any formal test that they are unsucessful on. I-Makeups will be scheduled as needed throughout the semester at the teacher’s discretion. Incompletes that have not been taken care of become F’s at the end a grading period.

**NOTE: It is the student’s responsibility to request and receive work and tests from the days he or she was absent.**

**Graded Assessments**

A minimum of ten (10) assessments will be given each grading period/Nine Weeks. The number of formal test assessments will differ, but the following grades will not differ:

* Participation/Conduct

**NEW GRADING SCALE**

**100 - 93 A**

**92 - 85 B**

**84 - 75 C**

**74 - 67 D**

**66 - 0 F**

* ACT Prep/ Bell Work/Binder Checks
* Writer’s Notebook Entries
* Weekly Reading Homework
* Articles of the Week
* Exams (2 grades)
* Pre/Post tests
* 3 Benchmark tests

**Bathroom Passes and Water Breaks:**
The classroom is located two doors down from the bathroom and water fountains. Students are expected to utilize minutes between classes to go to the restroom and get water. Otherwise, students will be allowed out of the classroom three times a semester for restroom use/water.  Three passes will be given and they are the responsibility of the student. Lost or stolen passes will not be replaced. Positive behavior can earn you additional passes. Unused passes can be used for 5 bonus points on tests and/or exams. All unused bathroom passes will be turned in at the end of the semester for bonus points on the exam.

 **Sustained Silent Reading (SSR):** All students will be required to bring reading material to class daily to read as early finisher work or for  sustained silent reading assignments in class (weekly).

**Homework:** Students will be expected to complete weekly reading homework that will be completed on Edmodo. Additional homework will be given as necessary. All students are expected to complete any classwork they did not complete in class for homework.

**Late Work:** Any late work will result in a grade no higher than a C that will be lowered with each additional day which it is late.

**Other Information**

Students’ grades, homework, and lessons will be available on Parent Command Center. Information for accessing Parent Command Center is available by calling the main office at AHS. Students will also be taking incremental tests after each unit in order to prepare them for End of Course testing in English II as well as gauge the classes coverage of the Grade Level Expectations. Students will be informed of test dates as they are made known to me.

**Class Website:** [**http://julieblee.weebly.com/**](http://julieblee.weebly.com/)This website is updated as often as possible with news, announcements, important dates, class assignments, participation guides,corresponding answer keys,links to videos and other websites as well as important dates and information

**Supply List**

View binder

insertable tab dividers (optional)

page protectors (optional)

*marble composition book*

1 pack loose leaf paper

*2 packs of index cards*

Posters (to be used throughout the semester)

*Sticky notes*

Glue sticks

Writing utensils

Highlighters

Markers/colors

USB key (highest memory affordable—to be used for all classes)

**Writer’s Notebook Personalization Materials: pictures, movie ticket stubs, drawings, magazine cutouts, quotes, etc.**

**1**st block: kleenex

3rd block: card stock

4th block: paper towels

**REMIND.com—A way to know that’s going on…**

**What is it?** Remind.com is a website that provides a safe way for teachers to text message or email students and parents.

**How does it work?** First, a teacher adds his/her class, which generates a unique code. The teacher then shares that code with students or parents. At that point, any student or parent who sends a text message with the code will be "subscribed" to the teacher's class. Any time a teacher sends a message from remind101, all the students or parents subscribed will receive it. T

**How do my students/parents sign up?** Students and parents sign up for notifications by **sending a text message with a teacher's class code (e.g. text @code to 555-555-5555). They may also sign up by sending an email to the teacher's code (e.g. code@remind101.com).** The medium they sign up with determines how they will receive notifications. So if a student signs up from her phone, she will receive text messages. Likewise, a parent who emails in will receive messages via email.

**1st block—**Text this number **81010** with this message **@jlee1**

**3rd block-** Text this number **81010** with this message **@jlee3**

**4th block-** Text this number **81010** with this message **@jlee4**

**Edmodo:**

In addition to using Remind 101 and updating my website, I will use the website Edmodo.com for course assignments and information. Edmodo is free to join and provides teachers and students a secure place to connect and collaborate, share content and educational applications, and access homework, grades, class discussions and notifications. Our goal is to help educators harness the power of social media to customize the classroom for each and every learner.

**Where to Start:**

* Go to [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com) and create your account. (You will need an email address to sign up.)
* Once you have your personal account, look on the left bar for the “Groups” section.
* Click the “Join” link.
* Enter the appropriate code in the box that appears.
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	+ **3rd block: w4mtij**
	+ **4th block: 36zjmq**

**Username and Password log:**

**Site:**

Username:

Password:

**Site:**

Username:

Password:

Site:

Username:

Password:

Site:

Username:

Password:

**PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM:** I hereby give permission for images of my child, captured during English I/English Elective through video, photo and digital camera, to be used solely for the purposes of class/coursework promotional material and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

PLEASE REVIEW, SIGN, AND PLACE THIS FORM IN YOUR BINDER:

We have read and agree to the listed behavior expectations, grading information, and policies for this course. We understand that failure to follow the guidelines may result in disciplinary action.

Parent Signature

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Student Signature