

**AP English Language  
and Composition**

**2011-2012**

**Mr. Stewart**

This is an accelerated English class for students who plan to take AP English Language and Composition exam and potentially receive college credit. Those anticipating going to BYU, for example, can bypass the university's first-year writing course with a score of 4 or 5 on the test, for which 5 is the maximum. As an AP class, it is expected that students will take the exam. Anyone taking the class who wishes not to take the exam must petition the teacher

Our major texts are Holt's *Elements of Literature* (5th course) and Prentice Hall's *Everyday Use*. In addition to these texts, we will rely heavily on informational and argumentative non-fiction texts of various genres including book-length informational texts, essays, newspaper articles, academic articles, etc.

Composition projects will include a narrative, rhetorical analyses, a 2<sup>nd</sup> term junior research project, various arguments, and many shorter exercises—primarily practice questions for the AP exam.

Class rules are simple: be here, on time; be courteous and respectful; be prepared with books, pens, paper, completed assignments, etc.; obey school rules; and show your dedication to our work by putting away electronic devices—including phones and ipods.

Grading scale: 94-100=**A**, 90-93=**A-**, 87-89=**B+**, 84-87=**B**, 80-83=**B-**, 77-79=**C+**, 74-77=**C**, 70-73=**C-**, 67-69=**D+**, 64-67=**D**, 60-63=**D+**, 0-59=**F**

Late work will suffer a 50% penalty, unless the work is more than a week late. Then, the work may lose up to 80%, depending on circumstances. If you are absent (excused), you have 2 class days to make up missed work. It is your responsibility to ask about missed assignments.

You have no make-up privileges if you cut class or are absent and unexcused the day an assignment is due. Make-up work for extended absences should be discussed with me, but not during class.

Tardiness adversely affects your grades for several reasons. You may lose a percentage of your grade for absences and tardies—up to 20% of your total grade, as per district policy. You cannot make up quizzes or short, in-class projects missed when you were tardy. You will lack information discussed while you were not in class. Some extra credit will be available for those who have one absence or tardy. A little more extra credit will be available for those with no absences or tardies. Missing class for school sponsored activities will not count against you in this regard.

Please sign and return to me by September 2, 2011.

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_