English as a Second Language Course Syllabus

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Course Description: This is a multi-leveled class of students varying in English proficiencies, and it allows students to grow their English skills at a pace that best fits their learning styles and needs. The structure and direction of the class varies year to year depending on the students' needs.

Course Objective: Students will be able to develop basic English vocabulary and grammatical structures to communicate successfully. Students will develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. As students progress through the course, they can expand their literary and analytical skills to be successful in their high school coursework.

Google Classroom: Period _____ Code ____

Google Classroom will contain daily agendas, announcements, reminders, homework, etc. Assignments and materials are posted at the end of the school day to access if needed. If you lose the copy you received in class, print it out and complete the assignment on paper. ****ALL WORK WILL BE COMPLETED AS A HARD COPY UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.** If you need to know what you have for homework or the due date, always refer to Google Classroom.

Classroom Supplies:

Be sure to have the following every day class meets:

- Notebook
- Pen or pencil

Grading Policy:

- Grades are on a point value system.
- Be sure to follow all directions/requirements/guidelines for each assignment.
- Simply handing in work does not guarantee a good grade.

Assignments may consist of journal entries, essays, homework, tests, class assignments, independent reading assignments, quizzes, projects, "Daily Class-Starter" sheets, etc.

- 1. Classwork/Homework 25%
- 2. Quizzes 25%
- 3. Tests/Projects 50%

Attendance, Make-up, Late Work Policies:

Attendance is a huge component of completing your work. When you are absent, YOU are responsible for any missed work. Check Google Classroom to see what you missed so you are aware. You will receive a Missing in Genesis as a grade until the missing assignment is submitted. If further help is needed, please arrange to stay with me during lunch or after school on <u>B days only</u>.

Any work missed due to absences must be made up promptly (**days absent = days to make up work**). If you were absent and missed a quiz or test, it is **YOUR** responsibility to make arrangements to make it up during lunch or after school within a week of the given date.

Late work receives two points off for each day late. Rarely are you given an assignment that needs to be fully completed at home since your "homework" is just finishing what you began in class.

Personal Electronic Devices:

Students can use devices at specific times and ONLY when authorized by the teacher. Devices such as phones, iPads, and laptops are items that students can use at designated times. If a student is inappropriately using a device, there will be consequences, and appropriate action will be taken (write up, call/email home.)

Plagiarism and Honor Code:

Please note that there is **zero tolerance** against unauthorized collaboration when completing assignments, tests, or quizzes. This zero-tolerance includes but is not limited to working together on class assignments without authorization by the teacher, looking at someone else's work for copying, using unauthorized textbooks, websites, class notes, prepared notes to complete assigned work, tests/quizzes, and relaying information or accepting information concerning test questions and answers. Plagiarism also includes taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own by copying and submitting the same or portions of an assignment from a classmate, not citing sources of quoted information within a class assignment, and turning in papers written by someone else. Any class assignment found plagiarized will receive a zero with a phone call or email home.