

English 10 Writing
2011 Fall Semester Syllabus
Instructor: L.A. Jacobs

Welcome to English 10 Writing! I have high expectations for this class, and I am excited to work with you this year. Please read the following course information carefully, and feel free to ask any questions or express any concerns you may have. I look forward to watching you become better readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and researchers!

Course Description:

English 10 Writing is a course that emphasizes the development of skills in reading, writing (formal and informal essays), responding to literature, recognizing and using the standards of the English language, and thinking clearly and logically. The course is designed to prepare the student for academic work at the post-secondary level. Students will read and respond to novels, poetry, short stories, drama, and much more.

Materials: Students will need the following supplies:

- Three-ring binder (or a section of a three-ring binder)
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- Pencils; blue or black ink pens

Class Rules and Expectations:

- Show respect for yourself and others
- Arrive to class on time and prepared
- Use appropriate and polite language at all times
- Listen to and follow directions the first time they are given
- Be quiet immediately when requested

Students are expected to follow the rules outlined in the Dorman High School Student Handbook.

Consequences:

- 1st Offense: Verbal Warning
- 2nd Offense: Detention (15 minutes)
- 3rd Offense: Detention (30 minutes) and Parent Contact
- 4th Offense: Referral to Principal

Grades:

<p>The school's grading scale is used for this class:</p> <table><tr><td>93-100</td><td>A</td></tr><tr><td>85-92</td><td>B</td></tr><tr><td>77-84</td><td>C</td></tr><tr><td>70-76</td><td>D</td></tr><tr><td>0-69</td><td>F</td></tr></table>	93-100	A	85-92	B	77-84	C	70-76	D	0-69	F	<p>Grades are calculated based on the total number of points earned out of the total points available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor Assignments (class work, homework) will be entered as <i>one grade</i>.• Significant Assignments (quizzes, tests) will be entered as <i>two grades</i>.• Major Assignments (tests, writing assignments) will be entered as <i>three or four grades</i>.
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If at any point your grade drops below a 74, I will let you and your parent/guardian know so that we can work together to make sure you pass the course. Printouts of grades will be issued at least once every three weeks.

Homework: I very rarely assign homework; when I do, please trust that there is a very good reason I have asked you to do it and complete the assignment.

Late work: For each day that an assignment is late, 10 points or 10 percent will be subtracted from the final grade. Please note that *no work will be accepted more than three days past the assigned due date.*

Missed work: According to Dorman High School's policy (located in the student handbook), you will have one week (five school days) from the day you return to school to make up any missed work. *When a student is absent, he/she is responsible for the work missed.* I am available to discuss make-up work before or after school. **Remember: Students who maintain regular attendance have a better chance of reaching their academic goals.**

Revisions: You may revise any major writing assignment until the last make-up day of the nine-week period (Ms. Jacobs will tell you when these days are). Your final grade for the assignment will be taken from your highest revision grade. *Please know that simple proofreading/editing is not considered revision.* I am available to conference with you about your revisions if you schedule time to meet with me.

Cheating: Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated.

How to Pass This Course:

- *Do your work.* The students who fail this class are the ones who choose not to do their assignments or miss a lot of class time and do not make up the work. Do not let yourself become one of these students.
- *Stay awake.* It is difficult to know what you are supposed to be doing when you have slept through instructions. You are the only person responsible for your work, so do not rely on your classmates to make sure you get it done right.
- *Keep up with your materials.* Bring what you need to class so that you do not waste yours or others' time trying to get a pencil, paper, etc. Make sure that when we are working on an ongoing project that you have the relevant items with you every day.

Contact Information:

I am available for phone calls and conferences after 3:30 pm. You may also e-mail me at jacobsla@spart6.org.

Please sign and return the information form attached to this syllabus.

Thank you,

Laura-Ann Jacobs
Dorman High School