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| ELA 8  Hello and welcome! I have the pleasure of being your student’s language arts teacher this year. Please review the information below and feel free to contact me with any questions that may arise. With your cooperation and support, I am sure we will be able to make this a successful year. | 2017-2018  Instructor: Mrs. Micaela R Morales  Preferred method of contact, E-Mail: mmorales@soledad.k12.ca.us  or School Phone: (831) 678-6460 School Website: [www.mainstreettrojans.com](http://www.mainstreettrojans.com) |
| **Overview** Below you will find an overview of the work I hope we can accomplish. In order to best support you I will be using traditional texts and a variety of online resources, Please become familiar with the school website, my teacher website, Google classroom, the online textbook, and your AR reading goals. If time allows, I would also like to use other resources that I feel will prepare you for and build on 21st century skills. **Classroom Rules**  1. Be prompt and prepared (student has all necessary materials) for class.  2. Respect your teacher’s right to teach and your fellow student’s right to learn.  3. No food, drinks or gum in class. Water is ok.  4. Speak at appropriate times. When in doubt, raise your hand. **Progressive Discipline**  Step one: Reminder (to whole class or individual).  Step two: Warning (write infraction on referral form and show student)  Step three: Second warning – Parent phone call (write infraction on referral form, show student and call parents; at this time student may also be sent out to team teacher)  Step four: Team teacher/ Office (3 or more infractions should be on referral at this time plus documentation of call to parent)  **SERIOUS disruption or disrespect** will result in immediate referral to assistant principal and possible suspension from class. **Tardy Policy** Tardy 1 – Verbal warning  Tardy 2 – Student/Teacher conference  Tardy 3 – Parent phone call  Tardy 4 – Detention, etc.  **Grading Policy**  Classwork/Homework 45%  Projects 30%  Accelerated Reader 10%  Performance Assessments/Quizzes 15%  **Grading Scale**  The following grading scale will apply:  +100% - 90 = A  89- 80 = B  79 - 70 = C  69 – 60 = D  59 and below = F | Units of Study  * Narrative: Personal and Fiction * Literary Analysis and Theme * Poetry * Author/Craft Study * Critical Media Literacy * Non-Fiction/ Informational Text * Argument/Opinion * Research  Necessary Materials Board-adopted curriculum, fully charged iPad, headphones, college-ruled paper, 2pens, 2 pencils, AR book, AR folder, and either a binder or folder dedicated to language arts. Planner or calendar highly recommended.  **Late Work Policy**  Any assignment not received before or on the due date is considered late and will receive a 15% penalty. For the first through third quarter all late work will be accepted up to one week late. There will be NO LATE WORK accepted during fourth quarter.  **Quiz Re-Take Policy**  Students are allowed to re-take quizzes under most circumstances. Teacher will need to be consulted in order to make arrangements. No re-takes will be allowed after two weeks or if student did not receive a grade lower than a B. Student may need to show evidence of studying or participate in tutoring.  **Cheating/Plagiarism**  Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic grade of zero. This includes copying homework or classwork, copying quiz answers or talking during an assessment, allowing someone to copy your work, or passing someone else’s work off as your own. |

Please review, fill out the back, and return. A copy of this syllabus can be found on the teacher website. Thank you.

This syllabus will count as your first assignment. Please make sure that you have it signed and returned. Thank you!

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Parent, if you would like to leave your contact information, please do so below.

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Do you have any questions or comments? Are there any student health concerns that I need to know? Feel free to leave me a brief note.

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