

## English 2 - Ms. Mason Course Overview

### Course Outline:

English 2 introduces tenth grade students to reading, writing, and speaking and listening, and language skills they will use throughout high school, college, and beyond. Students will read novels, short stories, poems, and nonfiction; take quizzes and tests; participate in class discussions; write literary essays as well as research papers; create projects using technology; and give oral presentations. In addition, students will work on vocabulary and English grammar and conventions.

### Texts:

<b>The Greeks</b> <i>Oedipus Rex</i> <i>Heroes, Gods, and Monsters</i> <i>Ulysses</i>	<b>The Middle Ages</b> <i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i> <i>The Canterbury Tales</i> <i>The Sword in the Stone</i>	<b>The 20<sup>th</sup> Century</b> <i>The Life of Pi</i> <i>Lord of the Flies</i>
<b>The Anglo-Saxons</b> <i>Beowulf</i> <i>The Hobbit</i>	<b>The Renaissance</b> <i>Macbeth</i> <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i>	<b>Nonfiction</b> <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i> <i>Endurance</i>
	<b>The Victorian Era</b> <i>Frankenstein</i>	

### Grades:

- 90 percent--reading, writing, speaking and listening
- 10 percent--grammar
- Assignment grades will be posted on Schoology every few days. Essays take at least a week to grade--usually longer.

**Reminders:**

- Binder, pen, pencil, paper, books, and Chromebook are required in class each day.
- Please put your cell phones away and close your Chromebooks when you arrive at class. Stay outside if you are in the middle of a text conversation, but be sure you are in your seat ready to learn before the start of class. I will follow the school Chromebook policy for any infractions. For cell phones, I will give you one warning. The second time I will send your cell phone to Kathy. You may pick it up after school. The third time your parent will have to pick it up.
- Late work will be accepted for 50 percent credit. Late work must be turned in by the end of the quarter in which it was assigned.
- Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. Students caught in these behaviors will receive a “0” on the assignment and a referral to the office.
- Make-up and extra-credit work are permitted with restrictions.
- Positive class participation is required.

**Extra Help:**

I am available before and after school in my office on the right side of the library entrance (next to the women’s bathrooms). Please send an email to [jmason@njuhsd.com](mailto:jmason@njuhsd.com) or on Schoology.

**Please go over this information with your parents and post to Schoology that you and your parents have read this syllabus in the appropriate assignment column. You can post any questions you may have about this class too.**