Office Hours: before school, after school, and by appointment. My preps are 5th and 6th hours (1st semester) and 1st and 6th hours (2nd semester).

Website: mrbrownenglish.weebly.com (all homework will be posted here, as well as various resources)

Contacts: (the fastest response will usually come via email)

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“The term modernism refers to the radical shift in aesthetic and cultural sensibilities evident in the art and literature of the post-World War One period. The ordered, stable and inherently meaningful world view of the nineteenth century could not, wrote T.S. Eliot, accord with ‘the immense panorama of futility and anarchy which is contemporary history” rejecting nineteenth-century optimism, [modernists] presented a profoundly pessimistic picture of a culture in disarray.” -Center for the Liberal Arts

Modern literature is a senior level course that explores modern and post-modern literature across the world. We will examine plays, poetry, short stories, and novels from the early 20th century to the present period. Moreover, we will study literary criticism as we attempt to interpret the literature from this time period. You will read and write often (see course outline for more specifics regarding tentative units and assessments).

Materials (bring daily):

1. #2 pencils and pens (blue or black ink ONLY)
2. a binder/folder (with three labeled dividers—current unit, previous units, and composition/grammar). The binder should be organized and in chronological order.
3. college lined notebook just for this class
4. in-class readings and all handouts (novels, stories, etc.)
5. SUGGESTED: A red pen and a highlighter

**Grades:** Your grade will be determined as follows:

Overall grade

85 percent (quarter 1 and quarter 2 combined)

15 percent (final exam)

Quarter grades combined (sans exam):

1. 75 percent of your grade will be based on your summative work (essays, projects, presentations, etc.); this is gearing you up for college, where final essays/tests, etc. constitute the bulk of your grade. Summative assignments can be turned in late, though they will lose a letter grade each day turned in late. You will only have two late passes all semester. Finally, your growth as a learner will be considered as well regarding your final semester summative assessment.
2. 25 percent of your grade will be based on formative work (homework, participation, etc.). These assignments cannot be turned in late.

**Late Work:** Summative assessments will lose a letter grade each day they are late, and you will only have two late passes all semester for summative work. Please work with me to get major projects in on time, and discuss problems/extensions well in advance of due dates. Extenuating circumstances will occasionally be considered. Formative assignments will not be accepted late.

**Makeup Work:** If you are absent, it is your responsibility to check with me to obtain your missing work. You will have *two days* for *each day* you are absent to make up work. To stay up to date, you absolutely should check the website each and every night you are absent. This is an expectation.

**Expectations:**

***Classroom Rules:***

Respect: please offer respect to yourself, your peers, and the teacher. Respect means not interrupting other classmates or the teacher, raising your hand to speak, being prepared for learning, and being kind and considerate to all, to name only a few circumstances in which the concept applies. You will be given one warning if problems arise in class; subsequent disruptions will result in a short detention. Progressive consequences will occur if you continue to cause disruptions.

***Classroom Procedures:***

1. You are tardy if you are not in the room when the bell rings. Be in your seat and ready to work immediately.
2. No hats, hoods, or coat; please dress appropriately and respectfully.
3. Only fluids in the classroom. No food.
4. No musical devices unless told to take out.
5. No cell phones.
6. Come with all materials daily when the bell rings, including printed assignments. You will only be given one copy of handouts.
7. Use the bathroom during passing time. Only emergencies demand dismissal.
8. See me if you missed material while absent. I will not hunt you down. This is your responsibility. If a long absence is coming up, be sure to get work beforehand.
9. Do not plagiarize or cheat. Severe disciplinary action will take place if this is discovered.

Enjoy the year…and don’t hesitate to ask questions. I am here to make sure you are successful, and hopefully, devise enjoyable learning experiences along the way. Be an advocate for yourself by asking for help—ANYTIME!

I have read and fully understand Mr. Brown’s syllabus and expectations.

Please print all names

Student:

Parent/Guardian:

Date: