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| **lancer2****English 8 Classroom Expectations****Landstown Middle School** |
| **Course Description** |
| English 8 provides students with the opportunity to analyze and evaluate the social, cultural, and civic concerns expressed in the literature they will encounter. Students will engage in reading, writing, speaking and listening during four units of study (**Unit 1** - A Good Story, **Unit 2** - Relating to the Past, **Unit 3** - Making Informed Decisions,**Unit 4** - Learning from the Experiences of Others). Students will take **two** SOL tests for English this year (one for **writing** and one for **reading**).**lancer2** |
| **Teacher Contact Information** |
| Please contact me by email: Jamil.Clarke@VBSchools.com. I generally respond to all email inquiries within the same day. Thank you in advance for working with me to ensure your success in the classroom, and I look forward to working with you all as well this year. |
| **Required Materials** |
| In addition to LMS grade level supplies (found on the school homepage), the following will be required for this course:* Composition notebook
* Google Chromebook (provided by the school)

The following electronic resources will be utilized in this course: Achieve3000 (Online textbooks, etc. can be accessed through the LMS website under the students tab, click “Clever Portal”) |
| **Classroom Procedures** | **Parent/Student Resources** |
| 1. Students are expected to enter the classroom quietly and be seated as they await instruction.
2. Students are only permitted to go to their lockers at assigned times.
3. Bring materials to class daily.
4. Planners must be signed before students leave the classroom during instruction.
5. Binders or spiral notebooks should be maintained and kept in order for use on some quizzes/tests.
6. Quizzes will be given periodically throughout each unit and are sometimes unannounced. Students will receive at least one week’s notice prior to a test.
7. At least one major project and an essay will be assigned during each grading period.
8. A variety of digital devices and online resources will be utilized for daily work and assessments throughout the school year. Multi-tasking, web surfing, gaming, texting, and using social media are prohibited on student devices.
 | * All grades will be posted on parent portal in a timely manner to accurately represent student progress. Parents should register for *Parent Portal* and set alerts to monitor their child’s academic progress, attendance and missing work.
* Students have access to *Student Vue* to help them succeed academically.
* All classroom assignments, tests, quizzes, projects, etc., will be listed on my *Teacher Website* or Google Classroom.
* School Counselors are a valuable resource. They are as follows: Todd Fritz, Megan Foard, Amy Neff, Chris Schroepfer and Emily Wilson. The number to the guidance office is 648-4761.
* Homework Help is an online service available to students to students to receive help from certified state teachers. It is available Mon. – Thurs. 3--9 pm and Saturday 9 am – 3 pm. Homework Help can be found on the LMS website under the students tab.
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| **Landstown Middle School Grading Guidelines****Class Grading for Assignments and Assessments** |
| Assessments are based upon a body of evidence that demonstrates student mastery toward pre-determined standards of learning. Assessment will be based on categories. Possible categories may include (but not limited to) Tests, Classwork, Quizzes, Performance Tasks, and Homework. Homework will be 5% of the total grade. |
| **Make-up Work Policy** | **Late Work Policy** |
| When a student is absent, the student should request missed work and the teacher will provide all relevant assignments. The number of days a student has to turn in make-up work will equal the number of days the student was absent. Teachers will take into consideration a student’s individual circumstances.  | Students should make every effort to submit work by the assigned due date; however, in the event that the student misses the due date, the student should work with his/her teacher to submit the assignment as soon as possible. Students may be required to participate in Administrative Academic Detention (after school) to complete any missed work. |
|  **Zero Policy** | **Reassessment** |
| A designated code in the gradebook will be used to communicate missing work. When an assignment is missing, the code **Mi** (Missing) will be temporarily recorded averaging as a 0. Once the assignment has been made up, the updated grade will be reflected in the gradebook. If the assignment remains incomplete, it will remain a 0 with no code attached.\*All missing work must be submitted one week prior to the end of each grading period. | Students who receive a failing score on any summative assignment will be given the opportunity to be reassessed provided that the student meets the following:* Participated in class
* Completed all assignments
* Demonstrated appropriate effort
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| **Extra Credit** | **Remediation**  |
| Extra credit will not be accepted on an individual basis. | Students who fail one or more SOL tests and/or who struggle academically will be identified for mandatory participation in SOL Lab, which replaces an elective. |
| **Student/Parent Acknowledgement** |
| This document is to be placed in the front of your notebook so you or your parents may refer to it at any time. Additional copies can be printed from the documents section of my website or google classroom.I have read and understand the course expectations. |
| Student SignatureStudent Name | Parent/Guardian SignatureParent/Guardian Name |