Purdy **Introduction to Grade 12** English

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Since this class is completely online, we will be meeting twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM – 12PM. The sessions will be recorded, and it will be a time for lectures, discussions and in class work. We will also do most of our readings together in the class.

**Major Theme: Maturity**

Maturity, or coming of age, is a timeless theme – ironically about the rites of passage. This course will be dealing with the theme of maturity as a guidepost for various works of literature. To sum up the course, we will be combining writing techniques with major works of literary art. Our plan, ever changing, will be roughly as follows:

1. MODULE 1: Inquiry analysis (Ongoing throughout the semester)
   1. The Research Paper
      1. Independent projects on a chosen theme
2. MODULE 2: Ethos / Pathos / Logos
   1. The Rhetorical Analysis Essay
      1. A selection of non-fiction articles
3. MODULE 3: The Importance of Being Earnest
   1. The literary Analysis Essay / Thematic Paragraphs
      1. Wilde’s Characterization of Hubris
4. MODULE 4: Modernism in Society
   1. Short Story Unit – Defragmentation of popular linear story
      1. The Literary Analysis paper in 3 paragraphs
5. MODULE 5: Musical Mondays
   1. Analysis of song you choose – Also a video you will upload. Examples will be uploaded.
      1. Close reading & Formal Reflection
6. MODULE 6: Poetry Slam
   1. We will be doing an online poetry slam video.
      1. Creative Piece

**Rules:**

1. Attendance:
   1. Late more than five times: Fail.
   2. Unexcused absence more than three times: Fail.
2. Late Work:
   1. One ‘freebie’ – after that, 5% will be taken off each day late. This includes daily assignments without an excused absence.
   2. I will not accept a big clump of late work over two weeks past the due date. It is your responsibility to get that work in on time. There are no exceptions to this rule.
3. Handing in assignments:
   1. I only accept copies of work that are on Teams. On the first day, I will show you how to use this folder.
4. Plagiarism:
   1. Caught once, meeting with parents and administration. Caught twice, suspension. Caught three times, out.
5. Attitude:
   1. I have a zero-tolerance policy on swearing or bad attitudes in the class towards other peers or the teacher. We will be discussing some deep subjects during this course, so it is in your best interest to remember the difference between intellectual debate and ad-hominem argument.

**Weight of the course:**

Major Assignments & Tests: 70%

Small Assignments: 20%

Attendance & Participation: 10%