**Mr. Gerhard’s (Mr. G’s) Syllabus**

Saginaw High School 2016-2017

*-Nothing worth having comes easy.-*

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**Materials:**

* Blue or black **pens** and/or pencils
* Loose leaf notebook **paper**
* **Spiral** for Writer’s Notebook *(will stay in class)*

**Course Objectives:**

Each student already has individual goals and objectives to help them succeed. However, general objectives include the following: The students will…

1. Maintain and further develop writing and grammar skills.
2. Maintain and further develop written and oral communication skills.
3. Expand their understanding of literary elements.
4. Develop and update their skills for the world of work.

**Academic Requirements:**

**Class Participation:**

This is an absolute *must* for all students! In order to learn best, students need to be **active** participants. Students will be receiving a grade based on their classroom participation.

**Late/Missing Work/Make-up Tests:**

We will follow the district and school policy regarding late and missing work. The due dates for major assignments will be posted, so pay close attention! More information can be found in your student handbook. ***It is YOUR responsibility to ask***

***for assignments/materials missed during an absence!***

**Test Corrections:**

Students will be allowed to make corrections on a test or project that was below 70%. *All test corrections are at the teacher’s discretion.*

**Tardiness:**

***Students who arrive late disturb the class***. Students are expected to be seated in class when the tardy bell finishes ringing. Late students will be marked as tardy. If tardiness becomes a problem, discipline steps will be taken.

**Tutorials:**

Tutorials will be held every Tuesday & Thursday before school, during your lunch, or by appointment. Students will be expected to sign up for tutorials; this will help me prepare so that you get the most out of the time available.

**Academic Honesty:**

Copying or cheating on an assignment or assessment will result in a failing grade, a referral, and a phone call home.

**Class Grade Percentages:**

Tests/Quizzes and Projects: 60%

* You **WILL** take a test if present
* Being absent the day before a test, **DOES NOT** excuse you from taking a test at the scheduled time.

Daily assignments: 40%

Daily Warm-up, Participation, Homework, Classwork

**\*\*Please Note: Mr. Gerhard reserves the right to make changes to this as needed.**