

10th Grade English Language Arts 2020-2021

Miss Gonzalez

My name is Valerie Gonzalez, and I will be your student's ELA teacher this school year. This is my 5th year in education and my 3rd year with Huntsville ISD. Last year, I taught 9th Grade English I, so this may be my second year with some of you. I am an HHS and SHSU graduate, and I will be graduating with my Masters in December. Hornet Green and Bearkat Orange run in my veins.

I will include the supply list for my class, as well as contact information and tutorial times. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We will be working hard to cover the material and grow as readers and writers.

*****Per CDC Guidelines & Texas Executive Order GA-29, students will be expected to wear a face mask in the classroom at all times. If a student refuses, they will be denied entry to the classroom, or they will be asked to go to their AP's office.*****

Supplies

- All supplies will stay **with** the student. It is the student's responsibility to have all their supplies with them every day.
 - 1 - 3 Subject College-Ruled Spiral Notebook
 - **Sections:** Notes, Warm-Ups, Writing
 - Pencils (student choice)
 - Highlighters (pack of 5 different colors)
- If you cannot get supplies within a week of school starting, please let me know, and I will work with you/students.

Contact Information

- **Email:** vngonzalez@huntsville-isd.org
 - Please allow a 24 hour window for communication.
- **Phone:** (936) 435-6100 **ext:** 1608
 - **Conference Time:** 6th Period (12:40pm - 1:27pm)

Grades

- **50% Major Grades**
 - Tests, Projects, Essays, etc
- **50% Daily Grades**
 - In-class assignments, homework, quizzes, participation, warm-ups

Missing Assignments & Make-Up Policy

- **Absent Students:** Students are allowed the number of days they're absent + one day for each day they are absent to turn-in work without consequences.
 - **Example:** If Tina is absent 2 days, she gets 4 days to complete the assignments. Students are responsible for collecting any missing work.
- **Missing Assignments:** For students that are present, but fail to turn in their work, points will be deducted. Students have until the last day of the grading period to turn in work.
 - **1 Day Late:** 10 Points Taken Off
 - **2 Days Late:** 20 Points Taken Off
 - **3 Days Late:** 30 Points taken Off
 - **4+ Days Late:** Highest Grade Possible is a 60
- **Tutorial Times**
 - **Monday & Wednesday:** By Request Only
 - **Tuesday & Thursday:** 3:45pm - 4:15pm
 - **Friday:** No tutorials. Go home!
- **No Pass, No Play.** If students are failing, they may not be able to participate in their extracurricular activities (band, choir, theatre, athletics, etc).

Exposure & Quarantine

- If a student has to quarantine for any reason, they will shift from the A Model of in class instruction to the B Model of synchronous online instruction. Students are still responsible for logging in daily and completing their work on time. Students will participate in class via Google Meets during their assigned period.

Technology

- **Chromebooks:** Due to the nature of the new world we live in, more of our work will be online, so it is *imperative* that students have their Chromebooks charged daily. We have a limited number of electrical outlets in the classroom.
- **Cell Phones:** Cell phones will be put away during direct instruction or group activities. They may be used during independent work; students are still expected to complete and submit their work on time.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I will do my best to return any communication within 24 hours. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Thanks!

Valerie Gonzalez