**Disclosure Document**

English 11 A4 Teacher: Nik Rice

Welcome aboard Language Arts English 11. Our classroom for the next year will be like a ship at sea; we all have the same destination, our success depends on the efforts of each other, and your Captain is on this journey with you. I am here for you*.* ***I will not pull you, but I will push you****.*  I, as an innocent bystander, will give you **one** verbal warning; after that, you much choose to break the classroom laws yourself. If you choose to continue the offense beyond this warning, you will fill out a Resolution Form. To satisfy your curiosity, a copy of the resolution form is found on the back of this page.

**What are these laws?**

1. **Honesty always. First with yourself and then with others.**
2. **Respect. For yourself, others, and school property.**
3. **Pull your own weight. Your grade depends on it.**
4. **Talk when you’re supposed to and not when you’re not.**

**Students usually struggle with**:

* **Phones out during class** (even just on your desk)
* **Talking to friends during instruction time** (please don’t distract your classmates. I don’t need more work to do; I need help)
* **“Resting” when we are reading, discussing, or working** (it’s actually very distracting to others and you are missing out)

**To be very clear, engagement in my class is defined as “Are you helping the Captain run the ship?”**

**Classroom Expectations** - Since engagement will be crucial to your grade, absences and tardies should be kept to the bare minimum. If you miss a class: 1. Check the class website. 2. Ask your class buddy what you should focus on. 3 Get caught up before the next class. If there are handouts not on the website, you can turn them in the next class period for full credit.

You will receive **two** **Hall Passes** ***per term (8 total).*** When you would like to use one, just hand it to me and then take the Hall ‘Stache, one person at a time. You will also receive **3 Late Work Passes *per* *semester (6 total)*.** Without a pass, late work is worth half credit. Unused hall passes are 3 points extra credit at the end of any term; late passes are 5 points extra credit at the end of any term.

**Policies** - The school attendance policy, like all school policies, will be enforced. This also goes for dress standards. (As a general rule, if your skin, either legs or back, touches your seat, you are breaking dress code). Ladies, please keep in mind that teenage boys have enough distractions in class and girls don’t like to see other girls break dress code either. Gentlemen, keep your pants up and no offensive graphics on shirts.

**Cell Phone/Electronic Device Offense –** This is obviously a big issue in today’s classrooms. Cell phones are a real distraction not only for the student using it, but also the students around that student and the teacher. If the use of a cell phone or electronic device is a habitual offense, the student will fill out a Resolution Form and the Captain will contact parents. You might be surprised at how serious I am about this.

**Non-Discrimination -** Orem High School shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, genetic information, or as otherwise provided by state and federal law.  Students who have a grievance with another student or any school employee should talk to the school administration or a counselor about their concerns.

**Resolution Form**

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4. **Talk when you are supposed to and not when you’re not.**

**I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have chosen to break LAW(s) # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**What have I done to contribute to breaking this law? (NO blaming of others allowed)**

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**At what point did I consciously or unconsciously commit to breaking this law?**

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**In what ways did I hinder myself with my behavior?**

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**In what ways did I hinder my teacher with my behavior?**

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**In what ways did I hinder my classmates with my behavior?**

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**What is my plan to become more resilient to this behavior in the future?**

**(Be honest and own up to your mistake)**

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**I understand what the consequences are if I choose to break this law again.**

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**Signature of agreement**

Our class theme this year is **“Self in Society: a Name for Yourself”** and during this year:

* You will be **reading** *The Crucible, Of Mice and Men,* and *The Great Gatsby* along with short stories, speeches, articles, and various texts.
* You will be **writing** to persuade, to inform, and to entertain throughout the year. You will have to create good work but I promise that I will make it worthwhile.
* You will also be honing your **oration** skills (speaking in front of others) and your overall **language** skills (grammar and vocabulary)
* You will be responsible for bringing a pen/pencil, paper, and all homework (*completed*) to class every day. You will often hear me say, “The day it is due is never the day to print!” Much of what we do in class is dependent on what you need to have done outside of class. This is crucial!

**Grades are figured on a straight percentage based on the following scale:**

A 94-100 C 73-76

A- 90-93 C- 70-72

B+ 87-89 D+ 67-69

B 83-86 D 63-66

B- 80-82 D- 60-62

C+ 77-79 F 0-59

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Please cut here and return to Mr. Rice

Parents/Guardian, please sign below indicating that you have read and understand this document. Also, I would love to know of any way that you would be willing to contribute to our class**. If there is an email address that you would like me to use to contact you for any reason, please write it down below.**

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Parent/Guardian Student Name

Thank you,

Nik Rice.

My class website, CAPTAINRICE.COM is where you can find all that we have done this year as well as many printable copies of assignments and the book report option list. Students are expected to check our website if they miss a day or have questions outside of class.

I also use the “Remind” program, which lets teachers send email and/or text reminders to students and parents. I have NO access to student cell phone numbers and the students do not have access to my cell phone number. It is managed by the program. This just helps me to remind students of work that they need to do and lets parents know what their child should be bringing to class. I never assign homework through this program.

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