

**Mr. Brothers**  
**Language Arts 10**  
**2016 – 2017**

### **Course Philosophy and Goals**

The overall goal of this class is to help students become better readers, writers, listeners, and speakers, so they are better prepared for college, careers, and beyond.

This year, students will study vocabulary, grammar, and world literature. Students will be held accountable for a classroom routine consisting of vocabulary, basic grammar skills, various writing assignments, and comprehending and analyzing literary works. Students will be responsible for homework averaging thirty to forty minutes each night.

*Students are expected to read and study at home on a regular basis.*

### **Materials Needed**

- A two inch three-ring binder with college rule notebook paper
- 5 section dividers (Reference, Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Quarter 3, Quarter 4)
- One composition book (9.75 inch x 7.5 inch)
- Blue or black pen - **no exotic colors**; number 2 pencils
- One yellow and one green highlighter

### **Class Rules**

Students are expected to adhere to the School Policies and Procedures as they are outlined in the Student Handbook. The Dress and Grooming Standards will be strictly enforced. Students will be expected to follow classroom procedures as follows:

1. Arrive to class on time with all materials and ready to learn.
2. Listen to and follow instructions the first time they are given.
3. Respect self, others, and other people's property.
4. Vulgar/offensive language, including name-calling, will not be tolerated.
5. At times, we will use electronic devices for academic reasons. Otherwise, the use of cell phones and all electronic devices is not allowed in class. Please turn off the sound (including vibrate) to all devices before entering the classroom. If you are caught using your cell phone during class time without permission, the return of your phone could take as long as 24 hours. Please respect the usage rule for cell phones. The rule can be found in the online Copper Hills High Student Handbook.
6. CHHS dress code and code of conduct are required and supported in my classroom. Please dress and act appropriately for an academic environment.
7. **"NO NAME" papers will not be graded and will be recycled.**
8. Late assignments will be accepted no later than 5 school days from the day they are due.
9. Food and drink are not allowed in my classroom. Water in plastic water bottles is acceptable.

## Grading Procedure

The academic grades reflect the achievement of students. A point-based scale will determine students' grades.

100 – 93	A	79.99 – 77	C+	62.99 – 60	D-
92.99 – 90	A-	76.99 – 73	C	59.99 - 0	F
89.99 – 87	B+	72.99 – 70	C-		
86.99 – 83	B	69.99 – 67	D+		
82.99 – 80	B-	66.99 – 63	D		

## Retakes on Quizzes and Tests

Retakes on quizzes and tests are based on teacher discretion and should not be expected. Please check class calendar on Mr. Brothers' website for specific information concerning retakes.

**Plagiarism**—borrowing another's works, ideas, and concepts without citing them—is viewed as a dishonest act and academic theft.

**First offense:** Zero on assignment and teaching moment with the student

**Second offense:** Zero on assignment, parent call, and administrator notified (referral)

**Third offense:** Zero on assignment, and parent, teacher, administrator meeting (referral)

## Attendance Policy

CHHS believes that students, parents, and school personnel should work collaboratively in an effort to improve school attendance. The objectives of the attendance policy are 1) to create an environment conducive to the promotion of student learning, 2) to encourage personal accountability, and 3) to prepare students for the world of work.

**The attendance policy for CHHS can be obtained online at:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17gd8MW8NpPezrUXD7bpsH1PU9OsHlvZk8PLHrUTUZig/edit>

### 1 – 3 – 4 = Attendance School

**1 Truancy = NG** (Two attendance school sessions required for one truancy.)

**3 Absences = NG** (Upon receiving the third unexcused absence, one attendance school session is required for the third and each additional absence thereafter.)

**4 Tardies = NG** (Upon receiving the fourth tardy, one attendance school session is required to cover two tardies.)

## Absent and Late Work Policy

**Excused** absent work will be accepted within five school days of returning to school. If you do not come in within five school days, you will not receive credit for missing assignments - including tests and quizzes.

Late work will be accepted with a voucher. Students will be given three vouchers each quarter. Late work will not be accepted after five school days of the original assignment due date. There will be a 5% dock from the final grade for each day it is late. Late work will not be accepted the last week of each quarter.

DO NOT turn in excused absent or late work to a substitute teacher. Wait until I return to school to turn in work.

## **Extra Help Hours**

Monday – Thursday from 7:00 – 7:30 A.M. (by appointment only)  
During Grizzly OPTS (Tuesday-Thursday from 9-9:30 A.M.)  
Tuesday – Thursday from 2:30 – 3:00 P.M.

## **Skyward**

Please check Skyward daily.

## **Mr. Brothers' Website**

To make certain you are prepared for class, check this website daily. The syllabus is under the "Language Arts 10 A/B Class Calendar" tab.

<https://sites.google.com/a/jordandistrict.org/brothersclassroom/>

## **FERPA**

*"Student information, work, and grades will be kept confidential and will not be shared without the necessary authorization as per FERPA Regulations - See JSD Policy."*

Please note: Students will occasionally participate in peer reviews of writing throughout this course and prior to completing major assignments.

## **Mr. Brothers' Motto and Favorite Quote:**

Motto: "Remember, never take no cut-offs and hurry along as best as you can."  
--Virginia Reed of the Donner Party.

Favorite Quote: "It was Trout's fantasy that somebody would be outraged by the footprints. This would give him the opportunity to reply grandly, "What is it that offends you so? I am simply using man's first printing press. You are reading a bold and universal headline which says , 'I am here, I am here, I am here.'"  
--Vonnegut

## **Contact Information**

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Dear Parents (For First and Fifth Periods Only),

The State has passed the following requirements with regards to "The Pledge of Allegiance":

"The Pledge of Allegiance" shall be recited once at the beginning of each day in each public school classroom, led by a student in the classroom, as assigned by the classroom teacher on a rotating basis. Students may opt-out of reciting the pledge with a written statement from the parent or legal guardian. At least annually, the teachers should talk with students to educate them on treating others, those who may choose not to recite the pledge, with respect."

If your child wishes to opt-out of leading "The Pledge of Allegiance" in the classroom, please fill in the following statement:

My child, (First and Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to opt-out of leading "The Pledge of Allegiance" in the classroom. I understand that even though my child wishes to opt-out of leading "The Pledge of Allegiance", he or she will stand and show respect during the recitation.

Parent's signature:

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**Please return this statement and signature to Mr. Brothers only if your child chooses to opt-out of leading "The Pledge of Allegiance" in the classroom.**

Mr. Brothers  
Language Arts 10 Disclosure Statement

Please return this section to Mr. Brothers by  
August 24 (A day) and August 25 (B day).

(100 points)

Student's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s) (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Current Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

We have read and discussed the disclosure statement and understand that it is our responsibility to contact Mr. Brothers via phone or email if we should have any questions or concerns.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***PG 13 Movies and Not Rated Documentaries***

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to watch PG 13 movies and Not Rated Documentaries in Language Arts 10 during class time as determined by the teacher.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I will treat each student with respect and care as an individual. I will provide a clean and orderly classroom environment with the appropriate motivation and necessary discipline. I will teach all students the required curriculum for success.

**Teacher's Signature:** *Joshua L. Brothers*