Mrs. Patterson’s English 9 Course SHS 2015-2016

**Announcements:**

**County Summer Reading News: (Aug. 2-28)** It’s almost here! Next week 8/19 (A periods) and 8/20 (B periods) are the due dates! Students will complete the county summer reading assessment for their novel. Expect to see these grades online in the parent portal over the following week as well as included in the first Progress Report, sent home with students on August 28.

**Unit 1 News: (Aug. 20- Oct. break)** The first class unit is **Thematic Unit 1: *Heroes & Journeys*** with the major unit text of *The Odyssey* by Homer, adapted by Robert Fitzgerald. The summative unit coursework will be comprised of 3 items: a unit test, a culminating essay, and the unit journals (a long term, major writing assignment which will be passed out during class at the beginning of the unit). These items represent the bulk of your student’s grade for this unit. The due dates for all of these items as well as every unit assignment are posted on the class website at the beginning of each unit. Please view the class website for further details.

**Unit 2 News: (Oct. 12- Nov. 30)** Another major unit of the semester is entitled **Thematic Unit 2: *Defining Courage in Justice & Equality*.** There will be 2 extended texts to read during this unit: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell and an independently read nonfiction autobiography selected by your child. In addition to these extended texts, we will also read and analyze several shorter historical, nonfiction texts in class as well. Please visit the class website for a copy of the Unit 2 Syllabus, which will be available October 12. Additionally, the due dates for all of the Unit 2 assignments will be posted on the class website on the first day of the unit.

**Online Resources:**

* **Course Information** (all upcoming unit information, due dates, assignments, notes, extra credit, etc.) is available on the Class Website for your convenience: [**http://mrspatterson-shs.weebly.com**](http://mrspatterson-shs.weebly.com)
* **Online Textbook:** We do not issue textbooks to home. As technology roles out, students will have access to the online textbooks. More information to come! Make sure you have signed and returned the Acceptable Use Agreement in the back of the one-to-one initiative handbook that was sent home with students during homeroom. Students cannot get laptops unless this form is signed and returned.

**Contact Information:**

The most efficient methods of communication are electronic mail **leeannpatterson@rockdale.k12.ga.us** and handwritten letters sent with your student to school and hand delivered to me.

*\*Please allow 48 hours for all messages sent Sunday through Thursday and 72 hours for all messages sent Friday and Saturday for instructor replies*.

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**Reminders:**

The county **summer reading assessment** will be **August 19** (for all A periods) and **August 20** (for B periods).

The first **Progress Report** will be sent home with students on **August 28.**

If your child has not returned the beginning of school paper work, please go to the class web site to print it out so you can turn it in.