

In this year-long course, you will be challenged to discover what it means to explore different writing styles, read actively and with purpose, think critically, and write various multi-paragraph essays. You will also prepare for the ACT and for life after high school.



## My Teaching Philosophy

My philosophy is simple: I believe that every student is capable of achieving academic greatness. I teach with that belief guiding my actions. Understand that I will push you to achieve personal excellence, meeting you where you are so we can work together to get you where you need to be. During the course of the year, I will give you the skills that will make you successful during your time here and when you leave Fraser High School. I truly believe in mutual respect and will give you the respect that every person deserves. I will not infringe upon your dignity, and I ask that you give everyone sitting in this class the respect I afford to you. I know this is going to be a great school year and that you will be an exceptional class. If you ever see me operating contrary to this philosophy, I ask that you gently, kindly, remind of the philosophy that is written above.

## **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

Here is how we will act in our classroom:

FOOD / DRINK: yes, but with respect. If trash is left, this privilege will be gone.

IPODS: yes, but when somebody is speaking, including me, or presenting, earbuds must be out and the I-pod is not to be put away. RULES:

- 1. Do what Mrs. Short asks the first time she asks.
- 2. Follow all school rules.
- 3. You may think what you want, but you may not do or say anything you want.

## Late Policy:

COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE OWNER.

If you happen to miss a homework assignment, you will have ONE class period to turn in the assignment. A letter grade reduction will be applied to the assignment. If you miss a paper, FIVE points will be deducted each day the paper is late. You have the option of emailing the late paper. If you are absent the day a paper is due, the paper must be turned in the next class period in order to receive full credit. Please check the classroom website for all assignments and homework.



## **Grading Scale**

This class follows
the school-wide
grading scale. I will
occasionally offer
extra credit
throughout the year.
It is not hard,
however, to pass this
class. "Inside every
C+ student is a Bstudent waiting to
come out."



You will need to bring a writing utensil to class everyday. I will NOT loan out any pens / pencils.

You must bring a binder (one only for English 11) to class everyday. Dividers will be needed as well. Organization is vital and will be practiced on a daily basis.

In order to leave room 1702 an agenda is a must. Please bring your agenda to class.

You must bring any required reading material to class.

ClassroomWebsite: shortsenglish.weebly.com

My Email Address: <a href="mailto:lisa.short@fraserk12.org">lisa.short@fraserk12.org</a>

Classroom Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/pages/mrs-shorts-classroom-page/253569864674540

My signature below signifies that I have read and understand Mrs. Short's expectations for English 11. If I have any questions, I will contact her via email, Facebook, or by phone.

| Student Signature    | Parent / Guardian Signature |
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| Student School Email | Parent / Guardian Email     |