

# Westbrook Christian Coach Mintz

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Student / Parent Information

Coach Mintz teaches English in room #28 in A hall. Students are expected to be in their desk and prepared to work punctually.

**Required Student Material:** Students need a notebook, pen or pencil, and workbooks. Dividers or tabs to help organize the notebook may also prove helpful for organization.

**Grading:** The student's grade is determined by dividing the student's total points by the total points possible for the grading period.

**Progress Reports:** Grades are periodically posted, usually once per week, to the PlusPortals/Rediker site which parents have access to view.

**Make up Work:** Should be completed as soon as possible upon return to school. Test will be made up during class time when possible, or other arrangements may be made if needed.

**Discipline:** Follow the rule of *Do Right!* Be on time, be prepared, respect people and property, and be accountable. Possible disciplinary actions will include verbal and written warnings, parent notification, behavior assignments, and office referrals.

### Syllabus: Overview of Course

#### **First Quarter**

Parts of Speech

Writing: Modes, Sentence Structure and Types

Selected Short Stories

Vocabulary

Parts of a Sentence

## **Second Quarter**

Phrases

Selected Short Stories / Informational Text

Clauses

Vocabulary

Novel

## **Third Quarter**

Verbs: Principal Parts, Tense, Voice

Novel

Pronouns: Case and Usage

Punctuation / Capitalization

## **Fourth Quarter**

Continue Punctuation

Research

Often Confused Words

William Shakespeare: *A Mid-Summer Night's Dream*

This syllabus is only intended as a tentative guide or schedule; circumstances may alter our progress or ability to complete as written. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns during the academic year, and thank you for the opportunity to work with your child.

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Novels:

*The Red Badge of Courage*

*A Separate Peace*

*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*

*The Devils Arithmetic*