

## English/Humanities Syllabus 2019-20

### CLASS DESCRIPTION AND GOALS:

RTCC English/Humanities is a yearlong course that satisfies two high school credit: one in English and the other in social studies if needed. The main focus of the course is to improve in higher level reading and reasoning, and to write at a proficient level for grades 11 and 12. In addition, this year's social studies focus is on psychology and its social, cultural, and personal influence.

### INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

This class meets twice a week for forty minutes. Our time is precious, particularly when one considers the many interruptions that can occur in a given school year (i.e. snow days, field trips, in-service days, vacations). Homework is minimal in this course. All of our assignments will be carried out in class including all writing and research.

The assessment method for this course breaks down as follows:

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| 25 % | Course Participation (SEE CLASSROOM NORMS) |
| 25%  | Classroom Work                             |
| 50%  | Written Work                               |

### CLASSROOM NORMS

- All discourse in this classroom will be respectful. Language that is insensitive, racial, sexual, gender, religious, or biased will not be tolerated.
- All cellphones and electronic devices (including Bluetooth earbuds) are to be placed in the mailbox in the back of the room at the beginning of class. If you have your cellphone out in this class you immediately lose credit for that day's activity. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action including the possibility of removal from the course. If you are using the restroom or otherwise leaving the classroom, you are not to take your phone with you. They are disallowed school wide with the exception of lunchtime.
- The two starting times for this course are: 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively. You must be on time or risk losing significant credit.
- Have fun, stay positive.