

Dear Families,

I am excited to be your child's teacher this year for 12th grade literature. Let's first start with introductions. My name is Keith Derrick and I am XXX High School's 12th grade literature teacher. I received my BA in English with a minor in Film Studies and MAT in Education from Kennesaw State University. I also received a MSc in English Literature from the University of Edinburgh, the world's oldest English program.

Under our partnered tutelage, I plan to teach your child advanced reading and writing techniques. There are several projects that your child will be expected to complete, but I am confident that with our support they will find these challenges stimulating and informative. We will be reading a variety of literature, all of which will be posted in the syllabus. For each work, there will be a brief writing prompt that will be added to a writing portfolio; this writing portfolio will be used to compare each child's progress over the school year. All of our work will culminate in a final research paper.

There are certain things that are expected of the students in my class. They are on the cusp of adulthood and I expect them to behave in a manner becoming them. I will extend that respect to the class and will continue to do so unless they continually break the rules of the classroom. The rules, and their consequences, will be posted in the class and are easily accessed at my website, XXX.XXXXXXXXXX.com. Please sign and return this letter to me with your contact information as a means of recognizing the expectations for the year.

Name:

Student's Name:

Phone #:

Signature:

*For materials in additional languages, please see my website