**Essential Question:**

**How can we tell our story and listen to others’ stories so that we never forget?**

**Texts:**

*Night* (Elie Wiesel)

*Maus: A Survivor’s Tale – My Father Bleeds History*  (Art Spiegelman)

*Terrible Things* (Eve Bunting)

**Videos:**

SEE LIST PROVIDED IN CLASS POLICIES

**Overview:**

The class will examine four genres of Holocaust literature

1. Autobiography

2. Graphic Novel

3. Children’s Book

4. Film (documentary and commercial)

Students will focus on the following strands of the eleventh and twelfth grade language arts standards

1.         Reading Informational Text 4. Speaking & Listening

2. Reading Literature 5. Language

3. Writing

**Classroom Rules:**

1. Respect others and their property.

2. Keep all comments positive within the classroom.  This means comments regarding people, ideas, materials, assignments, EVERYTHING!

3. Time given in class for work must be used to complete class work; it may not be used for other homework until the assignment is completed.

4. NO CANDY, SUCKERS, BEVERAGES OR FOOD IN CLASSROOM!  It will be confiscated and thrown out.

5. Chromebooks will remain closed unless students are instructed otherwise by teacher. All Chromebook use must follow the Chromebook Handbook requirements.

**Grading Policy & Requirements:**

1. You must attend 92% of all classes in order to receive credit for this class.

2. You must complete all major projects (anything 50 points or more) in order to receive credit for the course.

3. You will need to keep a folder with all papers and handouts.

4. Grading is done on a point system.  Points are earned from the various activities that you complete and then converted to a percentage by dividing the points earned by the points possible. Not all classroom activities will be graded but are still required as participation.

5. There will be three parts to the Term 3 grades: Practice & Preparation will equal 25%, Quizzes & Tests will equal 35%, and Projects will equal 40% of the Term 3 Grade.

6. Grades will be based on the following percentages:

94 – 100 A 80 – 82 B- 67 – 69 D+

90 – 93 A- 77 – 79 C+ 63 – 66 D

87 – 89 B+ 73 – 76 C 60 – 62 D-

83 – 86 B 70 – 72 C- 0 – 59 F

**Contacting the Instructor:**

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3. Office hours:  2nd Block or by appointment.  Meetings during these times must be scheduled 24 hours in advance. Students may request TAG passes at any time.