

# AMANDA MARTOCELLO

ADVANCED ENGLISH AND LITERATURE | A1

11:15 - 12:00 PM

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES | ROOM N113

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Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to Advanced English A1! My name is Amanda Martocello and I will be your teacher for the 2022 - 2023 school year. This is my second year as a full teacher, here at SchoolNova, but my 4th overall. I have my BA in English Literature and Writing from Stony Brook University and my MSLIS from Queens College. I have taught English Literature and Writing at different levels for almost a decade - from kindergarten through college. I will be handing out physical assignments as well as posting assignments, grades & updates on the class Google Classroom (class code [2doj73](#)). Please join as soon as you can as this is where you will be turning in assignments and taking virtual quizzes. Assignments will also be posted on SchoolNova.

In this class, students will read, analyze, and discuss non-fiction and fictional short stories. We will learn and define the plot structure, genre types, and different character roles. We will discuss the different types of poetry and students will get the opportunity to show off their creative side. Students will also learn the 5 stages of writing a formal essay, proper formatting, and how to conduct research and verify their sources.

I firmly believe that for students to get the most out of class time, they need to be actively involved. Every student will have something different to bring into the classroom and as their teacher it is my job to help them find what works for them and embrace their uniqueness.

Some class guidelines and expectations:

- Be respectful of classmates, teachers, and property.
- Be kind, polite, and courteous to others.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Assignments are to be handed in on time (*whether in-person or via Google Classroom*)
  - *Assignments can be handed in up to 4 days late, with a 5 point deduction for each day late. Please note this is 4 calendar dates, not 4 classes.*
  - *If you need an extension or other modification for an assignment (typed vs written, larger fonts in print outs, etc.) please let me know ahead of the due date.*
- Students are expected to show up for class prepared to learn - notebook, folder, and writing utensils included. Chromebooks are allowed as long as you use them responsibly.
- Raise your hand when you would like to speak in class or if you need to leave the classroom for any reason.
- Students are responsible for checking the SchoolNova Website/Google Classroom for any upcoming assignments and due dates.
- No headphones, phones, or other electronics unless otherwise approved.
- Water or other covered drinks are allowed - food is not permitted due to potential allergies.

My email is always open for questions/concerns from students and parents alike. I look forward to all the things to come this year!

Warm regards,



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