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Welcome to Advanced English 1!

Hello everyone, and welcome to Advanced English 1! My name is Amanda Martocello, and I'm so excited to be your teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. This is my fifth year as a full-time teacher here at SchoolNova, and my seventh year overall. I have my BA in English Literature and Writing from Stony Brook University and my MSLIS from Queens College. For almost a decade, I've taught English Literature and Writing at various levels, from kindergarten through college.

Class Overview

In this class, we will explore the basics of grammar, expand our vocabulary, and learn how to analyze literature. We'll discuss important literary terms and elements of a story, such as setting, plot, theme, and characters. Our journey will also include reading and understanding poetry and working on a special project about "The Hero's Journey."

You'll get to read stories spanning from mystery to comedy and learn how to write 5-paragraph essays to show your understanding and creativity. Since we have students from both 5th and 6th grades, we will move at a pace that matches how well everyone is doing with the materials. We want you to leave this class ready to excel in your future classes.

Assignments, Communication, and Expectations

To help you practice and improve, we'll have in-class reviews, quizzes, creative and analytical projects, and presentations. All homework and assignments will be posted on the SchoolNova website.

Here are some important class guidelines and expectations:

- **Respect:** Please be respectful of your classmates, teachers, and school property.
- **Kindness:** Always be kind, polite, and courteous to others.
- **Safety:** Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- **Preparedness:** Come to class ready to learn with your notebook, a folder, and writing utensils. Chromebooks are allowed as long as you use them responsibly.
- **Speaking Up:** Raise your hand if you'd like to speak or need to leave the classroom for any reason.
- **Electronics:** No headphones, phones, or other electronics are allowed during class time.
- **Food & Drink:** You can have water or other covered drinks, but please, no food due to potential allergies.
- **Assignments:** Assignments must be handed in on time. If you need an extension, please let me know ASAP.
- **Modifications:** If you need an extension or any other modification for an assignment (like a larger font for printouts), please let me know ahead of the due date.
- **Stay Informed:** Students are responsible for checking the SchoolNova website for all upcoming assignments and due dates.

My email is always open for questions and concerns from both students and parents. I look forward to a great year of learning and growing together!