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Welcome to Advanced English B!

Hello everyone, and welcome to Advanced English B! My name is Amanda Martocello, and I'm 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 over a decade, I've taught English Literature and Writing at various levels, from kindergarten through college.

Class Overview

This class builds upon the skills you've already learned, with a deeper focus on literary analysis and more advanced grammar. We'll read a mix of both fiction and non-fiction, exploring genres like short stories, poetry, mystery, and drama.

You'll also get an introduction to research skills and media literacy to help you evaluate online resources and stories. You will engage in creative writing, deliver a presentation, and write two major essays—a literary analysis and a persuasive essay. Our class is interactive, and your participation is essential. We will progress based on how well everyone is doing with the material, and we'll consider different factors when assessing your progress since we have students from different grades. My goal is for you to feel confident in your writing and ready to take on future assignments with boldness.

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. Late work can be submitted up to 4 days late, with a 5-point deduction for each day. This is 4 calendar days, not 4 classes.
- **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!