Dear Students of AP English,

I am Mr. Lewis and I will be your instructor for Advance Placement English. I am already proud that you have made the decision to challenge yourselves academically and take this course. No matter what you reason for taking this class might be, I ensure you that there is a little something for everybody contained in this course.

This class is meant to challenge you in several different areas. But first, I want to talk about the core part about the course… community. It is immensely critical that you feel comfortable around your classmates because we as a class will be working together and bouncing ideas off of each other quite a bit. Once you come into the class, I want you to know you are in a safe haven. Everyone’s opinion is heard, and respected and there will be no room for disrespect whatsoever. There will be times that we agree and not like what the other person is saying but I am asking you to say professional at all times and roll with the punches. Had been said, this does not mean come to class and offend anyone. That will also not be tolerated. Only educated, though provoking, and well though out answers, insight or opinions will be allowed in our class.

The class will challenge you in various area such as your ability to think critically, communication between peers, how well you work in a team and the contributions you bring, and finally of course your writing skills and what you bring to class discussions. If you ever feel uncomfortable know upfront that its okay. As long as you try your best and remain coachable, we should be able to work something out.

My goal for you is to leave this class feel stronger. Stronger about your work ethic, schooling and new ways to learn and study, and how to communicate with others be it in a group setting or you in front of others. I want you to be well rounded students who is glad that you took the class and actually feel like you got something out of it. I know we haven’t started class yet but know that I am proud of you up front and I am excited to see where we go and how this year turns out. So lets get started and make it a successful semester!

~ Mr. Lewis ~