This is a survey class that focuses on four genres of short story literature. Students will read and analyze classic stories of suspense, science fiction, historical fiction, and horror written by well-known authors. This class will also focus on the elements of good writing by studying and preparing a compare/contrast and narrative essay, as well as a short research essay.

Mrs. Davis’s Class Policies:
- Attend class regularly.
- Homework handed in ON TIME will be graded for full credit; late work will receive late credit (which may or may not include ZERO credit).
- Incomplete assignments are recorded as MI until completed.
- Agendas will be used as a part of class participation. BRING IT TO CLASS EVERYDAY!
- All forms of cheating and plagiarism are prohibited. (See handbook for definitions of cheating and plagiarism)

Grading: Students are expected to hand in assignments on their due date. Late work will receive a penalty. Since this is a required course, a semester must be repeated if a student does not pass.

Quarter grades will be determined by total points defined by the following categories as determined by the Minnesota Department of Education’s Language Arts Standards:
- Reading and Literature
- Writing
- Speaking, Listening, and Viewing

Semester grades will be weighted as 46% for third quarter, 46% for the fourth quarter, and 8% for the semester exam.

Here are the percentages required for each grade:
- A = 95%
- A- = 90%
- B+ = 88%
- B = 85%
- B- = 80%
- C+ = 78%
- C = 75%
- C- = 70%
- D+ = 68%
- D = 65%
- D- = 60%
- F = 0-59%

SIGNATURE: ____________________________ DATE: _______________
(I have read and understand the policies outlined above.)