April 1, 2020

Dear Literature and Composition Students,

I have just released the grades on CommonLit.org from Tuesday’s assignment “Study: High Incomes Don’t Bring You Happiness.” While the class average was roughly what I expected, I know that some of you may be unhappy with the grade that appears on the website. Let me reassure you that your grade in my school grade book is very different from the scores reflected on CommonLit.org.

As it says on my staff page, “Your scores on the CommonLit assessments are different than your grade in this class. If you struggle on these multiple choice questions, do not worry. Just do your best and stay positive. Right now, your participation, effort, and good health are all that matter.”

It will take time to adjust to this new style of learning, and I fully expect you will see you CommonLit.org scores improve as you get used to the phrasing and type of questions used. Please know that I have chosen this site because it closely aligns with state and national standards for an English class, but as far as your class grade and the grade that will appear on your report card, I am mostly concerned with your participation.

At the moment, here is the grade scale I am planning to use for the trimester:

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| **Participation (70%)** | **Papers (20%)** | **Daily Work (10%)** |
| Every time you complete an assignment on CommonLit or email me an assignment, you receive a 100% for your participation in my grade book.  | We will be writing a couple of papers. These will be graded on a typical rubric for the class, adjusted for the current circumstances.  | Grades from emailed worksheets, graphic organizers, and CommonLit.org scores will be included in this portion of the grade scale.  |

I hope this is helpful and alleviates any concerns.

Thank you so much,

Miss Lambert

PS Do not forget that extra credit is awarded for extracurricular reading! If you have read a book that was not required for school over the break or if you read any books during the months of April and May, send me an email. More information is available on my staff page.