**The AP Literature Environment**

This class is based heavily on discussion. Our goal is to create an atmosphere that builds confidence through the following expectations:

* Encourage exploration of ideas without fear of ridicule.
  + When a classmate provides an unsatisfactory answer (factually incorrect or lacking text evidence), that person is not ridiculed; s/he is praised for “sacrificing him/herself for the good of the class”
  + Don’t be afraid to disagree—even with the teacher
  + Make learning more important than your grade
  + Work with me individually on every major essay