ELA 8

Syllabus

Weighted Grading

Writing: 40%
Reading: 40%
Participation: 20%

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(541) 371-2361 [8am-8pm]

Technology

- ★ Cell phones are stored in lockers and silent
- ★ Student can request to make a phone call or use phone; teacher can ask further questions and decline request
- ★ No music or headphones in ears unless authorized
- ★ All devices must be charged for class

Expectations

- ➔ Come to class prepared and punctual
  - ◆ Consequence = tardy
- ➔ Use passing time for bathroom, water
  - ◆ None first and last 10 mins
- ➔ Treat everyone as humans
- ➔ Take responsibility for yourself and your learning
- ➔ Academic integrity over intellectual ease

Materials

The 4 books and a utensil: Choice book, class book, notebook, Chromebook, and a pen or a pencil.

Reading

Read two hours' worth of pages weekly. In class, we read for 40 minutes; outside reading is still required. Class novels count toward your total pages. Use Beanstack to track your pages; the app is the easiest way. **THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A BASE SCORE OF 5/10 GIVEN FOR NO LOGGING AND REGULAR ATTENDANCE—YOU NEED TO LOG YOUR PAGES TO GET CREDIT.**

Writing

Class writing is mandatory regardless of inspiration. Assignments for credit can be revised and resubmitted anytime until quarter's end for a better grade, but the student needs to submit their progress on the due date. No progress = no extra time. Writing improves with practice—the more you write, the better you'll become.
You will have weekly vocab words and sentences to complete.

Participation (speaking and listening)

We discuss readings in class to help you understand and grow. Engaging in conversations deepens your understanding and benefits everyone. It also makes class more interesting and makes the time go by faster for everyone. Come prepared, having completed all related assignments.
Weekly vocab quizzes will also be included in this grade.

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Gradebook
Grades are entered in Synergy and viewable on ParentVUE. Contact Michele for login info. Weekly grades (vocab, reading, etc.) are updated regularly. Larger assignments take time to grade. Students can revise and resubmit work for more credit until quarter's end if they submitted progress on the due date. If students struggle to meet their page goal, they can see me to have it recalculated anytime.

Gradebook Key
RP= weekly reading pages; scored out of 10, percent of completion
R= I received the assignment but haven't graded it yet
NTI= student didn't turn anything in
NA= not applicable; the student didn't have to do assignment or was absent but not penalized
M= student asked for more time, has until the end of the grading period