



Mrs. De La Torre's



Classroom Expectations

English 9 is a section designed to improve student understanding of the qualities of literature, while improving their knowledge of formal and creative writing, textual themes, genres, figurative language, claims and counterclaims and other such topics related to the study of English. A variety of fiction and nonfiction texts will be used throughout to assist students in learning and in meeting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). This class will engage students in critical thinking via socratic seminars, philosophical debates, group discussions, and higher level thinking questioning techniques. Students will have the opportunity to work individually, in small groups, and in whole classroom discussions.

Expectations

Students in my class are expected to:

- be on time,
- turn off and put away all electronic apparatuses (unless we are using them for learning purposes),
- put away all food and beverages (water is acceptable),
- bring all needed materials daily,
- enter quietly,
- keep books, desks, walls, furniture etc... free from marking and writing,
- respect the right of others to speak in turn,
- be prepared to work when the bell sounds and until dismissed.

NOTE: These expectations facilitate the smooth flow of class instruction. By not participating in these expectations, you are not fully taking part in the class and are impeding you own education and that of others. Failure to participate in the above ten activities will result in the following consequences:

#1 offense = verbal warning

#2 offense = detention and loss of points (10)

#3, 4, 5 etc. offense = detention, loss of points (10 points per offence), referral, and possible parent meeting

Assignments

- All work must be turned in day it is due.
- All assignments are to be your original work; copying from others and plagiarism will earn you a zero on the assignment.
- All assignments must be written in MLA format (we will go over MLA format during the first week of school).
- Absent work must be made up within the amount of time equal to missed days.
- Late work will receive half credit if it is turned in the next day. Work that is more than one day late will not be accepted.
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what was missed and make up the work.

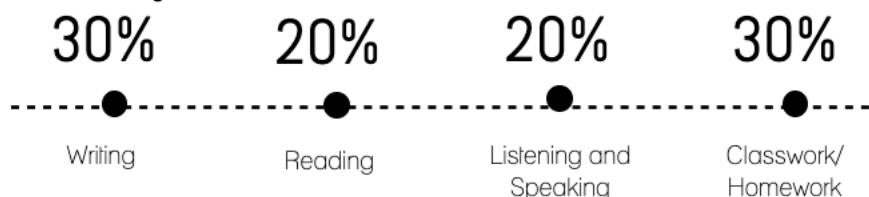
Semester 1

Unit 1- Rhetorical Analysis of American Voices
Unit 2- Lord of the Flies
Unit 3 - Arguments in Action

Semester 2

Unit 4- The Hero's Journey in The Odyssey
Unit 5- Romeo and Juliet
Unit 6- Current Event Research

Grading



- I use the standard grading scale: 90%-100% = A / 80%-89% = B / 70%-79% = C / 60%-69% = D / 0%-59% = F.

- Each unserved detention results in a loss of twenty points.