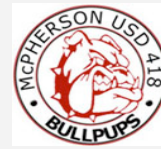


McPherson High School

Class Expectations

2008 - 2009



Instructor Sarah Siemer

Class Pre-AP English I

Period

Course Description:

Students will cover the basics of English 1 – literature, composition, and grammar – though often at an accelerated rate or, at times, in more depth. A formal vocabulary development program is incorporated throughout the year, and students will be required to read and study one out-of-class novel a quarter. The class includes a comprehensive unit on research, library, and study skills. Students recommended for this course by their previous instructors should be highly motivated and have a well-developed work ethic.

Materials needed for the class:

- 1) 1.5-2" binder with dividers
- 2) Spiral notebook or loose-leaf paper for journaling
- 3) Post-Its
- 4) Notebook paper for daily work
- 5) Pencils; black or blue pen for formal writing assignments
- 6) 4 Highlighters: Orange, Yellow, Pink, Blue

****If you are unable to get any of these materials, please come see me and I will provide them for you.****

Types of activities taking place in your classroom:

We will be doing a variety of activities in order to immerse ourselves in all kinds of literature, from reading and writing to speaking and listening.

How students will be evaluated:

Students will be evaluated on their class participation, completion of daily assignments, and test/quiz grades.

This course will use the McPherson High School grading scale:

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
59 and below	F

Discipline rules and expectations:

RULES:

1) Treat everyone and everything in this building with respect. In a school setting, you are always expect to have appropriate and respectful behavior. You will always be held accountable for your inappropriate or disrespectful actions.

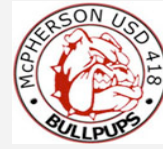
****Some specifics to consider that fall under the umbrella of this rule:**

- a) Academic Integrity is of utmost importance in this classroom and the school. Anything other than your own original work will result in a zero on the assignment and possible office referral. (See student handbook.)
- b) Bring all needed materials with you every day and **BE ON TIME!**

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Tardy 1: FREEBIE

Tardy 2: 2 15-minute detentions

Tardy 3+: Office referral

- c) Pick up after yourselves. No one will be permitted to leave the room until ALL of the trash is picked up off the floor.
- d) Gum and small candies are okay. Seeing and hearing them is not okay.
- e) No food or beverages are allowed in the room except for bottled water.
- f) Leaving the classroom will only be permitted for emergencies.
- g) Being absent requires YOU to come to me before or the day you return. Never assume that I would tell you if we did anything "important."

HOMEWORK/TEST PROCEDURES:

- 1) Late work will not be accepted in this class. Unless otherwise specified, your homework is always

Consequences for inappropriate classroom behavior:

All of the specific consequences are listed with the rules and expectations. However, if a situation arises where a student is disrespectful or inappropriate, it will be dealt with on an individual basis by me or the administrative staff.

Additional Comments

Instructor's Name

Sarah Siemer

Name of Class:

Pre-AP English I

I have read and understand the Classroom Expectation:

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Student signature

Date