

FRESHMEN LITERATURE

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LITERATURE OVERVIEW

The following texts, writing assignments, and presentations will be read, written, and presented this year:

Reading

Select Holocaust Literature novel
Great Expectations, Dickens (Honors only)
The Odyssey, Homer
The Tragedy of Romeo & Juliet, Shakespeare
Semester Independent Reading Novel
Select nonfiction, short stories, and poetry
*other novels may be added at a later date

Writing

Narrative
Expository
Response to Literature
Literary Analysis
Reflective
Persuasive
Research
Poetry

Speaking

Students should expect to perform at least one speech or oral presentation per quarter.

TEXTBOOKS

MyPerspectives ELA National, grade 9
Sadlier Vocabulary Workshop, Level D

DAILY CLASSROOM ROUTINE

1. Enter the classroom calmly and quietly
2. Look at the homework for the day, make note of homework in planner
3. Prayer
4. Wait for further directions on the day's agenda

MATERIALS

The following items must be brought to class every day:

- ✓ iPad
- ✓ Planner (or iHomework app on iPad)
- ✓ Notebook & folder
- ✓ Pencil, blue or black pen, & red pen

TARDINESS POLICY

Students will be on time and in their assigned seats, ready to begin when the class bell rings. If a student is tardy, the Behavior Rubric will be enforced.

GRADING

Grading will be done on a point system.

- ✓ Homework will generally be worth 3-10 points
- ✓ Quizzes will generally be worth 10-20 points
- ✓ Tests will generally be worth 100 points
- ✓ Major projects (essays, presentations, speeches) will generally be worth 50-100 points
- ✓ Major projects and tests may be weighted according to twice its point value

LATE / ABSENT WORK POLICY

- ☑ Homework must be turned in when requested on the due date in order to get full credit for that assignment.
- ☑ Late work will be accepted for half-credit.
- ☑ Major Projects will be marked down 10% per day late.
- ☑ Absences: Students will receive the number of school days absent in order to make up work from those absences. Students are responsible for checking the class website and inquiring about missed work!
- ☑ Make-up tests and quizzes: Students are expected to make arrangements with the teacher to make up a quiz or test that was missed due to an excused absence. If one week goes by without arrangements having been made, a zero will be given for the test / quiz.

iPAD POLICIES

Students should only have the iPad out when requested by the teacher. A student may use his/her iPad for homework questions and notes, but are not required to do so. For misuse of an iPad, a Level Two will be issued, and the iPad will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day in the office. On further offenses, the student will earn further school discipline in addition to having the iPad confiscated.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact me via email at mscaggs@smccmonroe.com. Additionally, you may check my web page (www.meganscaggs.weebly.com) for the daily agenda, class policies, and other materials of reference.