

WRITING 8 COURSE SYLLABUS

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Location: Room G-22

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to strengthen written and oral presentation skills as well as skills in research and academic writing. Throughout the course, students will be studying works from a variety of genres and while adhering to New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards.

Logistics:

Bring a charged Chromebook to class. Students will be required to check Google Classroom for assignments. There will be no surprises. An assignment will be posted and then verbally discussed in class long before anything is due.

Make up Tests & Late Assignment Policy:

Make Up Tests: If you are absent the day of a test, you must make it up within one week of the original test date by appointment only. Any tests made up after 5 days can only receive a maximum score of 65%

Late Assignments: 65% is the maximum score a late assignment will receive. Late work will not be accepted once the marking period it was assigned in has ended and the assignment will receive a zero. Work not handed in at all will also receive a zero.

*All assignments due on Google Classroom are due by the assigned due date unless otherwise noted. All assignments are automatically date and time stamped by Google Classroom.

Homework

In addition to projects and essays students will always have reading homework.

Extra Help:

Extra Help is available by appointment only. Arrangements must be made at least 1 day in advance.

Classroom Rules

LATENESS:

If the bell has rung and the door is closed- you are late, go get a late pass- you will not be allowed in without a valid pass.

WEEPARK:

Cell Phones are to be parked in your assigned number spot. Failure to “park” your cell phone in your spot may result in loss of participation points for the day. If you refuse, I will instruct you to leave the class and hand in your phone to an administrator. You will then receive a zero on whatever is being worked on in class.

NO FOOD IN THE CLASSROOM:

Do not bring Food to my classroom. Always use your lunch period to eat and drink. Absolutely no food in the classroom.

When I am out- your work will be posted on Google Classroom. Always check Google Classroom. Don’t wait for the Substitute Teacher to tell you- just assume I already posted something.

Assignments and Grading Policy

All assignments are graded on a points-based system.

- All major assessments are worth 20 points. This includes Prose Constructed Responses, Research Based Essays, Oral Presentations, and Projects.

- Multiple choice assignments, including tests are worth 1 point per question.
- An assignment with the designation “classwork” is worth 5 points.

Final grades per marking period are calculated as follows:

Total Points Earned / Total Points Possible = Final Score

Missing Book Policy

If a student fails to return a book, or fails to replace or pay for the replacement of a book the student will not graduate until the debt is satisfied. The diploma cannot be issued until all grades are posted and I will not post your grade if you owe me a book.

WHS Plagiarism Policy

First Offense: Students will receive a failing grade for the assignment.

Second Offense: Students will fail for the entire marking period.

Required Materials:

School Provided Chromebook- fully charged- contact Tech Department for replacement cost.

Supplementary Texts as provided by Teacher: Price to Replace: \$ 10.00