

Advanced Placement English Language & Composition

Class Policies & Announcements

Extensions:

You have elected to take a weighted course, and you may possibly earn college credit for this. Because of this, I do hold you to a higher standard than students in my CP courses. Asking for an extension the night before something is due or right before I'm about to collect an assignment or pass out a quiz is not acceptable. You should discuss extenuating circumstances with me well before the last minute. Even if you're hoping to still turn something in on time, if there's a chance that extenuating circumstances will keep you from being able to do so, fill me in well before the due date.

If you ask for an extension on an assignment because you believe you deserve one, **always show me (or attach) what you have completed so far to show me how you've used class time devoted to this assignment to date.** Make sure I can access the version history. **And then always propose a new due date that you believe is fair when you consider all of the class time we have devoted to that assignment.**

Late Work:

Unless we have discussed an extension in advance of a **summative assessment** being due, late work will receive a 10% grade deduction each day (calendar day, not school day) it is late. Being absent the day an assessment is due does not automatically result in an extension since we have most likely devoted an incredible amount of class time to this assessment and hardly anything should need to be completed that day.

Late **formative assessments** will be accepted for up to half credit as long as we did not review the answers or already discuss our annotations.

Retakes:

Throughout the year, you won't be able to retake reading quizzes (formative assessments). You also will not be able to retake untimed writing assignments (summative assessments) since you will work on these in and out of class and you will have the opportunity to conference with me and benefit from feedback. However, you will be able to retake the in-class, timed summative assessments you will complete as we prepare for the timed College Board exam if you earn below an 80%. Retakes on assignments that were turned in late will still receive the same point deduction.

Plagiarism & Use of AI:

In order to combat the use of AI, almost all summative assessments will be completed in class and will often be handwritten instead of typed. On other assessments (summative and formative), if directions aren't followed carefully and plagiarism **of any kind is suspected**, you will be given the opportunity to start over again with a new topic/prompt and you will complete it during a time when I can supervise your work.

If plagiarism **of any kind is confirmed**, consequences will be issued accordingly; you can see [this document](#) as well as [this document](#) for more details. Note that, especially since this is an AP course, the first offense mentioned in these policies does not refer to your first offense in this course; it refers to your first offense in your high school career. And if there is a 3rd offense, the assessment will receive a 0. **If you signed up for dual enrollment and plagiarism of any kind is confirmed**, I will need to notify RACC as well.

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A Note about the Writing Process:

In addition to analyzing the writing of various authors throughout the year, you will also carefully consider your own writing. You will need to make meaningful revisions to your writings based on feedback, so you'll need to conference with me as well as your peers throughout the year. This means you'll need to be open to constructive criticism and willing to share your writing with others.

You will only benefit from conferencing with me if you devote time and effort to your rough draft. If you come to me with a draft that you're proud of, not only will you get the most out of our time together (since we won't be wasting valuable time on the basics), but I will personally appreciate and feel energized by your hard work, sincerity, and creativity.

FYI: You will need to give at least one lengthy speech in this course.