

Mrs. Kolojejchick-Rejmaniak
Public Speaking
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Overview

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Description:

This semester course is designed to provide you with an understanding of how to speak in various public settings. We will examine and evaluate speeches and TedTalks, create presentations aids, and construct and deliver our own speeches.

About me: I graduated from Immaculata University with a BA in English in 2010. I completed my Master's degree in English from Villanova University. I have taught at several elementary, middle, and high schools throughout my career. I have been at West Deptford High School since 2017.

In my personal life I enjoy spending time with my husband and family, perfecting new recipes, and spoiling my dog.

Google Classroom Code:

S1 Period 2: 4mvf3oz

What to expect:

If you are like me, you like to know where you are going. So for your benefit, here is an approximate roadmap of the literature and ideas we will be exploring this school year:

- Watch and critique TedTalks and Speeches
- Create Powerpoints and original graphics
- "About Me" Speech
- "How to" Speech
- Informative Speeches
- Examine current events
- Mindful listening activities
- Speech evaluations
- Persuasive Speeches
- Special Occasion Speeches
- Speaking in professional and Group settings
- Impromptu Speeches

Assignments:

Classwork (including participation); homework: **worth 20% of marking period average**

- On a regular basis, you will work with partners and in groups over the course of each marking period. You will complete activities to help better understand the viewpoints of the authors we study, as well as, help facilitate group discussions. Furthermore, homework assignments will not be accepted late.

Short writing assignments; quizzes: **worth 30% of marking period average**

- These assignments will comprise short writing assignments and reading quizzes. Reading quizzes may be unannounced; thus, it is important that you do not fall behind in your reading. If you are absent on the day that a test or quiz is given, you will have one week to determine a time that is convenient for you to make up the assignment.

Essays; projects; tests: **worth 50% of marking period average**

- Projects will be collected at the beginning of the period on the day on which they are due. Points will be deducted (ten percent of the assignment's overall value) for the late submission of these assignments. They will not be accepted later than one day beyond the original due date.

Unless you receive alternate directions, please include on all assignments a properly formatted MLA heading in the upper left-hand corner:

Your name
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Your assignments do *not* need titles *unless I specifically request a title*.

Materials:

In order to stay organized throughout the year, you will need:

- A charged laptop
- Pen or pencil
- Highlighter
- Headphones that connect to your laptop

Final thoughts:

Finally, please know that this course will be challenging, but if you are dedicated, prepared, and simply committed to putting forth your best effort, you will succeed. **Please, please, please come talk to me at any point this year if you have a concern or question regarding this class: I am here to help you. If you do not ask questions, I can only assume that you understand what is expected of you.** I can be contacted at skolojejchick@wdeptford.k12.nj.us. Should you need extra help, my "office hours" are Monday through Thursday after school until 2:30pm; if you'd like to meet with me, please make arrangements prior.