

Mrs. Carlson's Classroom

Expectations and Procedures



What is expected of you as a student?

- Be respectful - Please be respectful and considerate of others' thoughts, ideas, and opinions as well as belongings and personal space. Remember, respect goes both ways.
- Be a thinker - Ask deep questions. Draw conclusions, make inferences and connections. Be willing to stretch your mind.
- Be an Independent Reader/Writer - Develop your own style of writing. Also, be willing to try out new ways of learning. You can learn to express your thoughts, ideas and opinions so others can understand you well.
- Be a contributor - My goal is to create a classroom environment conducive to learning. Make sure your words and actions are relevant to the classroom activity so others can learn.

What will you need?

Every day, you will need your computer and charger, current reading materials, and writing utensils.

What will be graded?

- Major projects - 25%
- Reading quizzes - 20%
- Paragraphs - 20%
- Vocabulary quizzes - 20%
- Journal entries - 10%
- Directed Reading - 5%

What if an assignment is late?

If you do not turn in an assignment on the day it is due, you will receive a Hawk Room, and your assignment will not receive full credit. For each day it is late, credit will be deducted.

Can assignments be redone?

Only Reading quizzes may be redone. The best grade you can receive on that redo is 70%.

Journals

- Why?? - Writing in a journal helps you develop your writing style and voice. You also have a chance to experiment with different forms of writing. Journaling gives you an opportunity to express your opinions, ideas and thoughts. It can also help develop your critical thinking skills.
- How often? - Journal entries are due each Friday by the end of the day. You may work on your entry after completing your vocabulary test.
- How long? - Journal entries must be, Freshmen: 100 words, Lit students: 200 words.
- What about? - Topics vary each week. You will have 2 options to choose from.
- Who reads it? - I will be the only person reading your journal unless you choose to share it with others. Journals will not be discussed with others unless:
 - you write about harming yourself
 - you write about abuse at home or school
 - you write terroristic threats
- How are they graded? - If you answer the question(s) and give your best effort you will receive full credit, which is 5 points. If you don't answer the question(s) **or** give little effort **or** your entry is late, you will receive a reduced or failing grade.

Independent Reading

- Why? - Independent reading gives you the opportunity to enjoy other reading materials you may not have discovered yet. Plus, it's good practice!
- What to read? - You will be reading materials which interest you, in various forms of print.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary terms will be taken from the texts you are reading. Vocabulary quizzes will be graded on correct spelling, grammatical usage and usage in a sentence. Freshmen, you will have the opportunity to earn 3 bonus points for using the weekly bonus topic as the theme of your sentences - you must use the vocabulary terms correctly.

Additional Rules and Procedures

- Cell phones - If you choose to bring your cell phone to class, it must be muted and it must be located in your bag or pocket where it will not be a distraction to you or anyone else in the room. If you cannot be in the same room with your cell phone without it being a distraction, I will be forced to remove it.
- Seating chart - You MUST sit in your assigned seat.
- Any other questions will be referred to the HPS Student Handbook.