

English

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Grading Policy

- Grades will consist of daily grades, quizzes, and tests.
 - Daily work will be worth 25% of your grade. Daily work includes, but is not limited to, daily activities, reading assignments, grammar, vocabulary, and informal writing assignments. Quizzes will be worth 25% of your grade.
 - Quizzes will be worth 25% of your grade. Quizzes include, but are not limited to, weekly vocabulary, short stories, and grammar.
 - Tests will be worth 50% of your grade. Tests include, but are not limited to, formal writing assignments, cumulative reading assignments, skills tests, and cumulative vocabulary.

Accelerated Reading

- Students will be required to read two books each six-week grading period. (Books should consist of a minimum of 100 pages). The student will be required to write a book report over each book. Book reports will be fully explained and exemplified during the first week of class. Book reports will be graded as a test grade.

Literature

- Students are responsible for completing reading assignments on time and actively participating in all class discussions and extensions concerning the literature assignments.

Writing

- We will write using a variety of both formal and informal writing styles. Much of the learning will be conducted through pre-writing and revising activities. However, final drafts are expected for many assignments. Final drafts will be graded using two criteria – content and accuracy. Content will include writing style, audience, complexity, grammatical correctness, and staying on topic. Accuracy will include basic punctuation, spelling, and grammar rules. Be sure to proofread all final drafts before submitting for a grade! (I would also suggest having a friend proofread your paper as well; sometimes we overlook errors.)
- Any writing assignment that is plagiarized, all or in part, will result in the student receiving a zero on the written assignment.

Vocabulary and Grammar

- The first day of each week, the students will be given ten vocabulary words they are expected to define and use during the week. These words will also be used extensively in our writing activities. Grammar assignments will normally be each week as well. The depth and complexity of these assignments will depend on the needs of the individual class.

Late and Missing Assignments

- It is the student's responsibility to find out what they missed should they be absent. Missing assignments due to absences should be submitted in a timely manner as stated in the student handbook. If a student does not have an assignment on the due date, they may be assigned to tutorials to give them the opportunity to complete the assignment in a timely manner.

Supplies

- 1 3-ring binder
- Notebook paper
- Pens/pencils
- Dictionaries/Thesaurus (optional)
- 1 subject spiral notebook
- 1 set of dividers for the binder
- 1 box of Kleenex