

Classroom Rules and Expectations

RESPECT:

We agree to respect each other's ideas, belongings, and appearance. In addition, the classroom, the school buildings, and the school grounds should all be shown our respect. Adhere to the Code of Conduct.

CLASS PREPARATION:

Be on time! All students must be in their assigned seats before the bell rings. Students will have an **OBJECTIVE** and **DO NOW** on the board. Students are expected to complete the **DO NOW** within the first few minutes of class. Occasionally, the **DO NOW** will be a quiz worth a small amount of points.

All students must be prepared at all times. This means that students must come to class with the following items:

- Assigned textbook or novel
- Independent novel from the school library or home
- Three-ring, loose-leaf binder with 5 dividers labeled:
 - Do Nows
 - Literature
 - Vocabulary
 - Grammar
 - Writing
- Pencils and pens (black and dark blue)
- Lined loose-leaf paper
- Student Agenda (daily planner provided by school)
- Anything else I assign

ABSENT:

If you are home sick, have band lessons, sports or for some other reason you are not in my class, it is **YOUR** responsibility to make up the work or get any handouts. Check the absent bin for your class in order to get any handouts, and check my website for PowerPoint notes. <http://msgageela7.weebly.com>

GRADING POLICY:

Your assignments are based on a points system. Each assignment is worth a certain amount of points depending on the task. Essays will always be worth 100 points, whereas homework and class work will typically be worth 30 points or less. Quizzes and quick write assignments will typically range between 30 to 60 points, and tests will be worth 60 to 100 points.

Categories average out to be weighted as follows:

- 30 % Tests & Projects
- 25% Writing
- 15% Quizzes
- 10% Classwork
- 10% Homework
- 10% Reading Comprehension

Late papers and projects will be accepted with a 5-10 point reduction for each day late, depending upon the assignment.

Late homework is **NOT** accepted!

The easiest way to calculate the grade is to take the top number and divide by the bottom:

e.g. $11/15 = .7333333$ which would equal a 73

PRINTERS:

We all know technology fails from time to time - particularly printers. But please, ***never*** use it as an excuse as to why you did not turn in a writing assignment. If for whatever reason you can not print at home, please use this list as a guide to what you CAN do:

Save it to a thumb drive or memory stick and print use the school's printer

Email it to me at: sgage@minisink.com

BOOK REPORTS

You will have **FOUR** book reports this year (that's one per marking period). Books should be grade level appropriate and at least 125 pages long.

Book reports are treated as a test grade, which means they are worth 100 points. Points will be taken off for misspellings, incomplete or run-on sentences, grammar and punctuation mistakes, and for sloppy presentation.

You may read up to **TWO** extra books per marking period and receive extra-credit. Each extra book report should be filled out separately. They should be turned in when the required book report is due. You may only complete these if you are missing no more than two homework assignments and have completed your marking period essay assignment.

The book report sheets will be available in class and on my website. You may fill them out as you read or at the end of the book.

Due dates for assigned novels will be posted in my classroom.

TIPS TO BE SUCCESSFUL:

Be here.

Be responsible.

Be respectful.

Be awesome.

I look forward to working with you this year and wish us all a year of success!

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