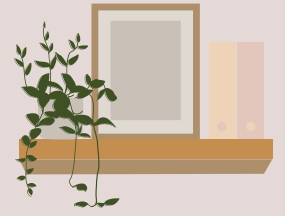


Ms. Wolf

Middle School Literature

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Course Description

Students will be reading a variety of genres, using comprehension skills to enhance reading skills, and studying vocabulary. We will complete one novel study per trimester. 7th and 8th grade classes will also cover word dissection to understand word parts and meanings.

Policies & Procedures

Technology

- Chromebooks must be charged at home and brought to school every day. PSS points will be deducted for charging at school.
- Chromebooks should remain closed unless otherwise instructed.
- Cell Phones must be turned off and remain in their homeroom storage pocket until the bell rings at 2:45.
- No wearable technology and Airpods.
- No music on Chromebooks.
- No games on Chromebooks except for educational purposes and under teacher supervision.
- Uninstructed use of Chromebook will result in a detention.

Classroom

- Leaving the classroom requires permission, a lanyard, and signing out - failure to wear a lanyard outside of class will result in a point deduction
- Must have a personal reading book with them at all times in all classes
- Students may not work on other subjects

Expectations

1. Be Ready to Learn: enter the classroom quietly, go to your desk, get supplies out and ready
2. Work Hard
3. Be Kind & Respectful: to adults, other students, and other people's property
4. Ask Questions
5. Participate
6. Clean Up After Yourself
7. All students should maintain a shared culture of support and positive environment

Grading

BASED ON A POINT SYSTEM

- Points may be deducted for late and/or incomplete work, if directions are not followed, or if grade level effort is not shown
- SHS follows Diocesan Guidelines for grading breakdown.
- Students are considered proficient if they achieve a 70% or higher on a summative assessment

OVERALL GRADE BREAKDOWN

- 20% Formative Assessments: homework, group work, discussion, quick writes
- 80% Summative Assessments: tests, quizzes, projects, and Accelerated Reader Points

TEST/PROJECT CORRECTIONS

- Students who score below a 70% on a summative assessment or major project may be allowed to correct the score up to a 70%

Missing Work

Daily Late Work

May be turned in until the end of the month in which the assignment was assigned to the late work basket. 50% will be deducted from the assignment grade.

Daily Novel Reading

Novel study books will be read in class. Each student will receive a copy of the novel and a digital copy will be posted in Google Classroom. Students are expected to read the chapters/pages they missed while absent to keep current on the reading.

Summative Assessments

Projects and essays will receive a 5 point deduction each day past the due date.

Absent Work

Students have the number of days absent to make up any required work. If students are only absent the day of the test, they should be prepared to take the test **the day they return**.

Homework

Google Classroom: All homework, assignments, daily agendas, and class announcements will be posted in Google Classroom.

FACTS: Parents can check FACTS for grades, daily updates and homework assignments.

Student Agenda: Students are expected to record daily homework, assessments, and project due dates

**Please sign, acknowledging
you have read and understand
the policies above.**

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Accelerated Reader

Students are required to do independent reading outside of class. **Accelerated Reader (AR)** is a program that sets individual and personalized goals for each student to complete during the trimester. To reach these goals, students will take quizzes on novels they have read to earn points toward their goal (school required novels do not count toward these goals).

AR Quizzes can *only* be taken at school during school hours. Students will be given time during class to do these at least once a week. Only books read at or above their personal reading level, as established by their STAR Reading Test score, will qualify toward points awarded.

A Summative Grade will be given each trimester based on the percentage of the goal they have accomplished during that trimester.