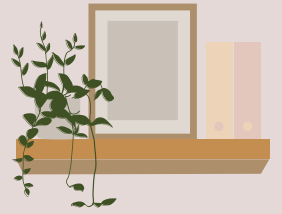


Ms. Wolf

Middle School Literature

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Course Description

This course will develop students' reading, analysis, and communication skills through the study of various literary genres. We will complete one novel study per trimester exploring character, theme, conflict, and literary elements.

All grades will also study word parts to help unlock the meaning of unfamiliar words, strengthen vocabulary, and improve reading comprehension.

Expectations

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

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 teacher permission, a lanyard, and signing out
- Students must have a personal reading book with them at all times in all classes
- Students may not work on assignments from other subjects while in Literature

Grading

BASED ON A POINT SYSTEM

- Points will 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
- 70% Summative Assessments: tests, quizzes, and projects
- 10% Accelerated Reader Points

TEST/PROJECT CORRECTIONS

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

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.

Accelerated Reader

Students are required to do independent reading outside of class. **Accelerated Reader (AR)** is a program that sets individual goal points based on 15 minutes of daily reading for each student to complete during the trimester. To earn these points, students must take online AR quizzes on the novels they have read (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 to take quizzes at least every Friday. Only books read at or above their personal reading level, as established by their STAR Reading Test score, will qualify toward points awarded.

AR Grade is worth 10% a student's overall Literature grade each trimester. The grade will be based on the percentage of the goal they have completed during that trimester.

To choose an AR Book, students should use the www.arbookfind.com website to check the book's AR level and points value *before* starting to read a new book. If the book cannot be found on this website, a quiz is not available for the book. Other helpful phone apps to check AR info are *Book Leveler* and *Points Scan*.

Cheating / Plagiarism / AI

Cheating, plagiarism and the use of AI will result in disciplinary consequences. All students involved, whether providing or receiving unauthorized assistance, will receive a detention. Assignments and assessments will be graded as follows:

Formative Assignments

Assignment will be graded as a 0.

Summative Assessments

If a student is caught cheating on an assessment, they will have the opportunity to retake the assessment for a maximum of 50% of the assessment grade.

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 and stored in class. A digital copy of the book 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 Assignments

Projects and essays will receive a 5 point deduction for each day it is late.

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**.

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

Student Signature

Parent Signature