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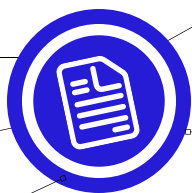
REMINDE TEXT ALERTS

Sign up for the class text alerts for updates on assignments and other important due dates. Download the Remind App for easier access. Text @mrmmsela to 81010 | Visit rmd.at/mrmmsela on a smartphone

Class Motto

"We rise together, fall together, and support each other in the short time we have no matter where we come from, what our background is, or problems we have. We are a community."

Materials



- lined paper
- pencils or pens
- Laptop/ Tablet
- Microsoft Teams
- Microsoft OneNote
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- 2 dry erase markers
- Spiral Notebook (Left in class)

Writer's Journals

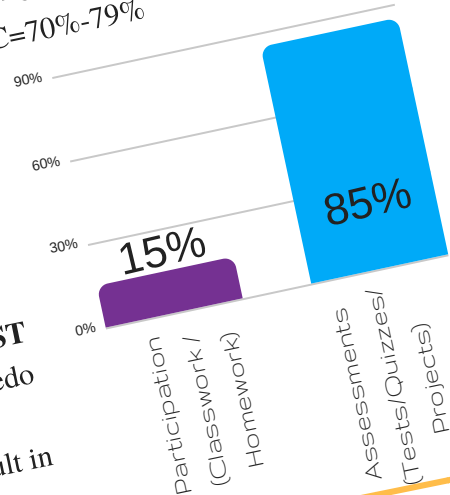


- WJ's are daily activities that take place the first 10 to 15 minutes of class.
- WJ's are used to help students freely express themselves without judgement on ideas or writing conventions.
- Journals are turned in for a grade after every 10 entries.
- WJ prompts are listed on the team website.
- WJ's will be in one of the spiral notebooks from the Sky Ranch supply list and left in the classroom.

Grades

- Grades are updated weekly in Infinite Campus. (IC)
- **STUDENTS** need to check IC frequently.
- Students can redo all assessments/projects to show mastery. **(ALL HW and classwork MUST be turned in to be eligible for redo work.)**
- Plagiarism / cheating will result in a zero.

A= 90%-100%
 B=80%-89%
 C=70%-79%
 D=60%-69%
 F=0%-59%



Student Rights

Rules restrict; rights liberate. These are our classroom expectations.

- I have the right to learn
- I have the right to be safe from physical and emotional harm
- I have the right to express my opinion and have a voice in class, professionally, and free of interruption
- I have the right to receive and give respect
- I have the right to feel comfortable talking to my teacher and coming to him for help
- I have the right to succeed.
- I have the right to advocate for my needs.

Squadron Website

Our website will give students and parents access to texts, agenda, and more! Our current squadron website is: www.washoeschools.net/matterhorn
 **Most of our digital assignments will be on Microsoft Teams and One Note.

Independent Reading

Reading is an important fundamental to your growth in ELA and writing. There will be some in-class reading time, but it is expected that student read 30+ minutes per night to reach your IR goal.

We will be using AR 360

- IR is an assessment grade: 2/3 from progress towards goal and 1/3 on comprehension test scores.
- Reading Journals will be assigned to complete during the quarter and counted as a quiz grade.

Academic Integrity

Cheating: Cheating includes using notes or other unauthorized help on tests and quizzes to include looking at other people's papers, sharing photos of assignments, or copying work.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is the act of copying any portion of work or IDEAS without giving credit to the author. Changing a few words here and there is still plagiarism. Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero on the assignment / assessment without possible retakes along with parent contact and admin referral.

**We will be using MLA format to cite our work



Last Bit of Notes

It is important for students to review this information with parents/guardians. Cell phones should be put away at all times during class. If a parent/guardian needs to get a hold of students, they can call the front off. Please do not text / message during class

Absences

- ✓ Students are responsible for getting their absent / missing work
- ✓ Students will have the number of days absence + 1 to complete absent work
- ✓ Work turned in after the deadline will not count for a grade but will count towards assessment retakes.

** Assessments will be marked as missing until turned in.

Late Work



When work is assigned, my expectation is that it is turned in on time and with quality. If assignments are turned in late without prearranged approval, students will fill out a late slip and turn the assignment in directly to me. Late work will receive 70% of the grade you would have received if it was turned in on time.

Retakes / Extra Credit

- The purpose of a retake is to allow students to prove mastery of skills. Students may retake each assessment once.
- Retakes will be completed on student's own time
- All practice (homework and classwork) MUST be satisfactorily completed
- Students are responsible for new material being covered in class.
- Because students are graded based on mastery of skills with possible retakes, there will be NO extra credit offered for any reason.