

EXPECTATIONS

Classroom behavioral expectations are outlined in more detail in the handout “Expectations,” given out in the first week of each class. In short, comply with all school policies in the Student Handbook and remember **A, B, C, D:**

Attention. Listen, participate, stay on task

Be prepared. Complete all assignments on time. Be ready for class with the right materials and text.

Cooperate. Comply with my requests to read aloud, to speak, or to participate in other ways.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

GRADES

Your grade is based on the combined averages for work in five categories: **Quizzes, In-Class Writing, Polished Writing, Tests, and Class Participation.** Each area counts twenty per cent. Some quiz grades and some in-class writing grades may be dropped each grading period, depending upon the number completed. You are expected to keep a Grade Worksheet, so that we can clearly work out your grade together.

LATE WORK

It is important to complete every assignment in each of the five categories in order to earn a good grade. Polished Writing assignments are especially important, since there are fewer of them, but they still count towards twenty per cent of your overall average. There is a five per cent penalty for each class day an assignment is late, but the penalty will not lower your grade below a sixty. No credit will be given for late assignments that we have already gone over in class or that have been returned to the class. All work must be turned in by the deadline set for each marking period. Do not expect to make up all your work in the last week of the semester.

HOMEWORK

Depending upon their reading and writing skills, students can expect three to five hours of homework per week in this course. It will be rare to have overnight homework due for the next class meeting, so there will be nights when there is no homework to be done. Work to be done at home consists mainly of completing polished writing assignments and reading novels, plays, or other works. These assignments are made one to two weeks in advance of their due dates. Students are expected to manage their study time along with other demands in their lives. While there may be no specific homework assignment for a specific night, there is always something to be working on.