



Mrs. Wilson

2017-2018: Syllabus

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CLASS MATERIALS

Required

- Sturdy Pocket Folder
- Notebook
- Notebook/Filler Paper
- Highlighters
- Sticky Notes
- Pens
- #2 Pencils
- Colored Pencils

Recommended

- Daily Planner

Appreciated Donations

- Kleenex
- Notecards
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Colored Pencils
- Books
- Dry Erase Markers

ROOM 2003 CLASS PROCEDURES

1. Be Kind.
2. Follow directions quickly.
3. Raise your hand for permission to speak (no blurting).
4. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat (no wandering).
5. Participate.

Expectations

1. Be in seat before tardy bell rings.
2. Put proper MLA heading on all work.
3. Do not use electronic devices in class without teacher permission.
4. Use restroom during passing breaks or after instruction.
5. Always sit in assigned seat.
6. Bring all of your supplies to class daily.
7. Complete all of your work and turn it in on time.
8. Read the front board and complete the daily bell work.

Consequences

1. **Warning:** the teacher provides a verbal reprimand/reminder to student.
2. **Parent Contact:** discussion with parent about student behavior.
3. **Detention:** 25 minute detention before or after school and parent contact.
4. **Referral to Administration:** a student will be immediately referred to administration for severe behavior problems.

Rules

GRADES



There will be a minimum of two academic achievement grades and seven academic practice grades per six weeks. NOTE: A "Z" in the place of a grade denotes that an assignment was not turned in on time and you did not receive credit. A "O" in the grade book means that you completed the assignment, but did not do it correctly.



LATE / INCOMPLETE WORK



All work is due when requested. Failure to submit work at that time means the work is late. Students must print and assemble their papers BEFORE class begins, not during the class period. Should you have problems printing at home, plan to arrive early to use the school printers. Students will not be allowed to leave class to print work. In some cases, work will be submitted to turnitin.com. Work must be submitted by the start of class or it will be considered late. Any **academic practice** assignments will be accepted one day late with a 15-point deduction and accepted for half credit after two or more days past the due date. Any **academic achievement** assignments turned in late will be accepted one day late with a 15-point deduction and accepted for half credit after two or more days past the due date. **Projects and writing assignments that are done over a period of time are due on the due date regardless of absences or other circumstances.**

ABSENTEE POLICY



School policy states that a student will be allowed the number of days absent plus one additional day to complete make-up assignments. However, the student is expected to complete pre-announced work on time, and long-term assignments such as process papers or projects will still be due on the due date. **Work missed during a planned absence, such as a UIL activity or a school field trip, is the responsibility of the student and is due when the rest of the class turns in the work.** Work due on the day of a planned absence must be turned in on or before the due date, or it is considered late. If you are absent, check the assignment folder for class assignments and homework and ask me about any questions you have. Regardless of the circumstance, make-up work is always the student's responsibility.

TECHNOLOGY



CSISD is a BYOD district. Therefore, students will be allowed to bring phones, laptops, iPads, etc. to class and use them with **teacher permission**. Repeat violations of this will result in parent notification and detention(s). Appropriate use of technology is here to help us learn, not prevent us from doing so.

Remind: Text the message @wilson-ol to the number 81010 (for updates and assignment reminders).

CHEATING



School policy states that a grade of zero may be given for work on which a student has cheated. I will also contact parents and assign an office referral. Cheating includes such acts as copying during a test, sharing answers or test questions with other students, copying information on any assignment in which an individual grade is given or plagiarizing. There are three types of plagiarism: word for word plagiarism - exact words are repeated; paraphrase plagiarism - using basically the same words as the author with a few words changed; spot plagiarism - the writer uses the original source's key words and/or phrases. Cheating will not be tolerated in this class.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY

- **MLA headings on all papers:**
Ima Cougar
Mrs. Wilson
English 1- your class period
Date: day month year
- **Typed:** Double spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, one-inch margins.
- **Handwritten:** Must be legible, I cannot grade what I cannot read.

*Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in a 10 point deduction on the given assignment.

EXTEND-A-BUCKS

You will be given two Extend-a-Bucks per semester. Each "buck" can be used to extend the due date for an assignment by 24 hours. This does not include oral reports, projects, quizzes, or tests. Each unused "buck" can be turned in at the end of a six weeks period for one point on your six weeks average. You cannot carry over extend-a-bucks from the Fall to the Spring.



READING UNITS OF STUDY



Building Better Readers
Coming of Age: A study of Voice Across Genres
Defining Style
Exploring Petric Voices
Interpreting Drama
We're STAAR Ready
Coming of Age Amidst Controversy
Understanding Persuasive Techniques

WRITING UNITS OF STUDY



Writing Foundations
Establishing Narrative Voice
Crafting Fictions and Expository Essays
Finding a Poetic Voice
Breathing Life into Fiction
The Champion EOC Essays
Researching Controversy Connect to Literature
Writing about Literature
Writing Persuasively

WHAT TO EXPECT

FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL



As freshmen, you are entering a new stage in your life, and this class will be somewhat different from the Language Arts classes you have had in the past. You should be prepared to put forth a great amount of effort in this class. We will be working diligently and I will be pushing you and challenging you every day, but I will also help you along the way.

TUTORIALS



If a student is experiencing difficulty with the subject matter, it is the student's responsibility to talk to the teacher immediately. Students who are truly struggling must make arrangements with me for extra help. There will also be at least one English teacher every morning and afternoon to tutor if I am unavailable. Remember, don't wait until the end of the six weeks to ask for help in order to salvage your grade. Often times, it is too late.

EXTRA CREDIT

Extra credit is rarely, if ever, offered.

FOOD/DRINK



School policy states that food and drink will not be allowed in the classroom unless for specific educational or medical purposes approved by the principal in advance. Water is allowed.

Along with your parents/guardians, please sign and cut off the bottom of this page to verify that you have read my syllabus and agree to abide by it. If you have issues regarding any of the expectations, please contact me immediately. This will be your first Academic Practice grade. Please complete this by Friday, September 1st.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____