

# English

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## **Behavioral and Academic Expectations**

Be prepared and on time.\*

Participate in activities and discussions.

Complete all classwork and homework on time.

Follow schoolwide rules and policies.

**WRITER'S NOTEBOOK:** In your *Writer's Notebook*, you will have an opportunity to express yourself, experiment with writing styles and techniques, play with language, and make revisions to drafts. However, except in rare cases, even drafts should reflect a knowledge of basic conventions (i.e. capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structure). Your *Writer's Notebook* will be collected periodically and graded for effort, organization, and conventions.

**ELA SPIRAL:** In this notebook, you will take notes on concepts and skills presented in mini-lessons. If you are absent, find out if you missed any notes. We will have "open-notebook" quizzes throughout the year, so it's important to take ALL of the notes and use good handwriting. Most of these quizzes will count as a grade in both English and Literature, since concepts are interrelated.

## **Absences**

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## **Grading Scale**

- 25% Daily Work / Homework / Participation
  - 30% Quizzes
  - 45% Tests, Quarterly Book Reports, Major Projects
- \*a "responsibility grade" will be given each quarter

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**MEMBEAN VOCABULARY** : Complete assignments using the effective study methods taught in class. Practice sessions will be monitored for optimal learning. Tests will be administered randomly (unannounced).

**SELF-SELECTED READING**: Each quarter, you are required to read at least two books or 400 pages. Your SSR will be recorded on a Reading Log. When you have completed a book, schedule a “Book Talk” with Mrs. Lasher (see Google Classroom). You must have the book with you when we discuss your reading. Be prepared to thoroughly discuss the book.

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