

General Information:

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My Planning: 2nd & 8th Period

Notes/Bell Ringers	30%
Tests/Quizzes	40%
Classwork/Homework	30%

Class Supplies:

A three-ring binder

Plain white computer paper (leave at home)

Dividers with ten headings for each unit

3 hole-punched loose-leaf paper

USB memory drive

Pens/pencils

Must have access to a computer & Printer

Breakdown of Grades – So you can be successful

I. Notes/Bell Ringers

- a. You are required to have your unit notes before we begin that unit, and they can be found on the class website. Every class period they are late I will deduct 20%. If you do not have a printer, you can use the printer in the school library (you must bring your own paper and 10 cents per page), or copy them by hand prior to coming to class.
- b. Bell ringers are a way for me to present material in a way that promotes critical thinking and discussion. It is also a way for me to ensure you are participating and present. Attendance is vital in this class, and so is being on time. If you are absent, you will receive a zero for that day's bell ringer, and if you are late, you will receive half credit.

II. Tests/Quizzes

- a. You will have 2-3 tests a quarter, and 1-2 quizzes every unit. The quizzes will be at the beginning of every class, and if you are late to class you will not be able to take the quiz.
- b. In the PPTs, there will be pauses for practice questions. I will randomly select names out of a cup (via popsicle sticks) and that person must do their best to answer the question. You must be present and try at the question if your name is called and you receive full credit. These will count as a quiz grade every quarter.

III. Classwork/Homework

- a. Every unit there will be a study guide. This must be completed on your own as homework. The only other homework in this class will be to finish any work you did not finish in class.
- b. Classwork **MUST** be completed in class unless I have given special permission for you to take the work home to finish. This is to ensure that all students work diligently during class to finish their work.

Make-up Policy:

ALL assignments will be available online. If you are absent YOU are responsible for printing it offline.

You are (almost) an adult., at least I am going to treat you like one. If you are not in class, you do not need to tell me why, just get your work done! You can scan and send assignments to me via email, drop it off in my mailbox in the teacher's area, or place it in the late folder in class.

The time allotted for make-up work will be equal to the time the student missed. For example: If a student misses one day, then they have one day to make up the missed assignment for a full grade. Any time after that, the work is considered late and will be graded according to the late work policy.

When a student is present for the issuing of an assignment and then absent the day it is due, the assignment is to be turned in the next day the student is back in class. Failure to do so will result in the assignment being classified as late work and will be graded accordingly.

If you miss a lab, you *cannot* make it up. If you have an excused absence, you must get the “results” from me the following class period and do a full lab write-up. You will have two days to complete this until it begins to be counted as late.

Late Policy:

Every day an assignment is late, 20% will be taken off. I am teaching four subjects this year. It is my job to be organized, and I expect the same from you. **You MUST turn late work and make-up work into the late folder!**

Laboratory Protocol and Safety:

Any lab requires that laboratory safety rules and protocols must be followed at all times. Failure to follow protocol can place you and your classmates in a potentially dangerous situation and will not be tolerated. Violation of lab safety and protocols will result in expulsion from the lab exercise and a grade assignment of zero. In addition you will be issued an immediate office referral. Reinstatement to active lab status will be considered after a parent, teacher, and student conference.

Attendance/Tardies

If you are absent, you will be marked absent and must get your make-up work to turn in. You will receive a zero for the bell ringer that was given that day. **Parents, please make an effort to make doctor’s appointments or any other appointment after school hours so that your child can be in class.** I will only accept excused absences as written notes with phone numbers where I can reach the parent or guardian who wrote the note. I will most likely call the number on the note to ensure its authenticity.

You need to get to my classroom on time. Coming in late disrupts the entire class and is unfair to everyone else who is there to learn. You will receive half credit on bell ringers and zero’s on any quizzes taken at the beginning of class.

Classroom Rules * Rules are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the instructor.

- Be in your seat, with your pencil sharpened BEFORE the second bell
- Once seated, immediately start the bell ringer
- Everyone remains in the classroom for the first and last 20 minutes of each class period, unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Please go to the bathroom between classes.
- **No food** is allowed in class.
- Show respect and courtesy by not talking while the teacher is talking.
- **Personal electronic devices are NOT allowed**
- No profanity or bullying will be tolerated.

Signatures:

Parent: I _____ parent/guardian of _____
have received and read the course syllabus and classroom rules and understand what is expected of my child.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Student: I _____, have received and read the course syllabus and classroom rules, and I understand what is expected of me this school year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____