

## Homework Policy

- How much homework to expect?
  - Students will have reading and writing to complete at home over the course of the year as well as occasional grammar and poetry assignments. Since reading and writing take time, they will always be given adequate time to complete the assignment along with a heads-up well in advance for when things are due. There will be time in class to complete much of the work, but they should expect to have leftover editing, brainstorming, and occasional reading to finish up at home. However, it will be manageable: between 30 minutes-1 hour of homework a week, depending on what they finish in class.
- How will homework be assigned?
  - I will assign homework verbally in class as well as on the board so that students have a visual reminder of the assignment. They will often have time to start assignments in class so that they can ask questions about anything they do not understand.
- Absences and extensions
  - If a student is going to be absent, the standard procedure is to ask me what he will miss and to get notes from another student. This is to be done before the absence. If a student will not be able to complete an assignment on time (due to an absence or a life situation) he may approach me during work time and tell me the situation. We will discuss another option that will work for both of us. If we decide that an extension is necessary, he will have the responsibility of telling me the date which he will have his work done and he will not be able to turn in the work any later than the date we decide. This teaches responsibility and self-discipline, as well as establishes a relationship between me and the student.
- Turning in assignments
  - Assignments are to be finished before class starts and will be collected during class.

- Grading

- Assignments will be graded based on what students have learned so far in my class.

Rubrics will be used to reflect what students are expected to know so far. Not every assignment will be graded. “Big” papers will be peer-edited before they are turned in so that students get the opportunity to learn from each other and fix simple grammatical errors. I will always get papers back to my students as quickly as possible so that they can see feedback and apply it to their next assignment.

This homework policy is subject to change in order to reflect school-wide procedures.