Mrs. Kimes’ Class Expectations

All of my students are held to high expectations in regards to academic achievement, social interaction with others, and personal growth/development inside the class.

Please come to class with a positive attitude, respect for yourself and others, and a willingness to learn and share your ideas.

Required Class Materials:
- Pens (blue or black ink) and/or pencils
- RHS Agenda
- 1.5 inch three ring binder with dividers
- Notebook or loose leaf paper for the binder
- Personal flash drive
- A book for independent reading

Grading Policy:

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When determining the possible point value of an assessment, the following factors are considered: the purpose (practice or mastery), the type of assessment (see lists above), the length of the assessment, and the complexity of the assessment.

Grades will not be discussed during class time. Discussions about grades and revisions should take place after school or during Advisory by appointment.

Attendance: It is the student’s responsibility to make up all work after an excused absence. Time granted for all work will coincide with the number of days absent, and appropriate consideration will be made. Make-up work for unexcused absences may be given at teacher discretion. All make-up work requests should be made outside of class time. *Students are strongly encouraged to find a study partner in every class.

Note: Requests for class work due to extended absences must go through the Guidance Department.

Homework: Homework/extended study is a vital component of the classroom. All extended study assignments must be brought to class on the day they are due. Late homework will not be accepted unless a student has an excused absence. (Refer to the RHS Homework Policy in the student handbook for full details.) Learning activities (e.g., seminar discussions) often depend upon full participation of all students in extended study, and incomplete or late work has a negative impact on everyone.

Writing Assignments and Projects: All writing assignments are to be completed in MLA format. Most papers will require evidence for the steps of the writing process.
**Plagiarism Policy:** Every student is expected to produce original, authentic work. If there is a misrepresentation of work, the student will receive a zero and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted. If a second offense occurs, the Dean of Students will be notified as well and disciplinary action will be taken.

**Printing Policy:** All major assignments must be typed and in MLA format. A printed copy of your work is expected on the due date. No papers are to be emailed. If for whatever reason you are unable to print your paper, an email must be sent the night before the deadline explaining the circumstance. In addition, you must also make arrangements for the following morning to print your paper in a computer lab at RHS. You cannot expect to print your paper during class the day it is due.

**Late Work Policy:** Major assignments must be submitted on time in order to receive full credit. Ten points will be deducted from the earned grade if submitted one day late. The highest grade a student can achieve after the second day late is a 75.

**Revisions:**
- Required revisions: Ongoing revision is required for any student not achieving proficiency on a benchmark/summative assessment. If proficiency has not been achieved by the end of the grading period, a grade of Incomplete will be given for that quarter. You will have two weeks to make up the missing work or else the Incomplete will turn to an F for the quarter.

**EXTRA HELP:** I will be available after school most Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for anyone in need of help or anyone wishing to discuss grades. If I will be unavailable on a certain day, I will make an announcement the day before.

**ATTITUDE**

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearances, giftedness or skills. It will make or break a company… (a community)... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past… we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on one string we have, and that is our attitude… I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you… we are in charge of our attitudes.”

~Charles Swindoll