

Mrs. Brewster's Classroom Syllabus

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Junior High Literature

Course Description:

Students will study a wide variety of literary works where they will be provided with multiple opportunities to express their own ideas and thoughts through discussions, writing, presentations, and projects. The goal is help students become independent readers, writers, listeners, and speakers using critical thinking skills.

Classroom Rules:

1. R.O.S.E. » Respect Others, Self, and the Environment
 2. Help Each Other Learn and Succeed
 3. Always show respect for everyone in the class. Treat people the way you want to be treated. - Golden Rule
 4. Don't talk when someone else is talking. Wait your turn!
 5. Come to class with all needed materials.
 6. When in doubt, always ask questions!
 7. Be honest!
 8. Have Fun!
- ❖ **Plagiarism will NOT be tolerated. Do not copy someone else's work because I will be checking. Plagiarism will result in a zero.**

Classroom Management Plan:

It is my responsibility to hold students accountable during the school day. In my classroom, my rules and expectations are very simple and clear, therefore if one of these if not followed I will use the following actions:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Detention with the teacher and the parents will be contacted
3. Office referral

I appreciate all your help and support during the school year to make this the best learning opportunity for your child and their peers.

Assignments and Grading Information:

❖ Lesson Plans

- All lesson plans can be found on my school webpage if you are going to be gone. Please stay up to date, so you don't fall behind.

❖ Late/Makeup Work

- You will have two days to hand-in an assignment after an excused absence. If you hand-in a late assignment the highest grade you can receive is a 70%. Every day after that it will drop 10%, therefore please complete your work! If an assignment is due via Google Classroom and you are absent the day it is due you will still be required to complete that assignment online by the due date unless you let me know of other arrangements.

❖ Redoing Work:

- All students have the opportunity to redo assignments with a failing grade, but it is their responsibility to come to see me about those assignments in order to redo them.

❖ Absences:

- You are responsible for make-up work after an absence. I will collect worksheets and quizzes for you, but it will be your job to check my lesson plans, Google Classroom, and/or check with me for any additional assignments that were missed. In regards to class assignments, you will be given two days if the absence was not planned. If the absence is planned, all work **MUST** be completed before you are gone. (If it is a school activity, your work must be done before I will sign your activity slip).

❖ Class Notes:

- Always be prepared to take class notes. You will be held accountable for class discussions.

❖ **Handouts:**

- Save, save, save! If information is worthy of a handout, it is worthy of an exam question. When in doubt, save it! Store all of this information in a three-ring binder or course folder.

❖ **Neatness Counts:**

- If I cannot read what you have written on your homework and/or tests, it will be counted wrong.

❖ **Grading:**

All grades will be calculated by a percentage of total points.
Student's points / points possible = final grade.

100-96	A	4.0
95-94	A-	3.8
93-91	B+	3.4
90-88	B	3.0
87-86	B-	2.8
85-83	C+	2.4
82-80	C	2.0
79-78	C-	1.8
77-75	D+	1.4
74-72	D	1.0
71-70	D-	0.8
69-0	F	0.0

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to this school year and having your child in my classroom. Please complete the information below so I can contact you during the school year.

Please return to school by Wednesday, August 30th.

My contact information:

- ❖ School Phone: (308) 346-4150
- ❖ E-mail: paige.brewster@burwellpublicschools.com
- ❖ The best way to communicate with me during the day is by e-mail because I will check this multiple times a day. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am here to help your child succeed!

Student's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Syllabus Policies - Attached

I, _____, (Student's Signature) agree I have read the syllabus, and I understand that I am bound by the policies outlined. _____ (Date)

I, _____, (Parent's Signature) agree I have read the syllabus, and I understand that my child is bound by the policies outlined. _____ (Date)

Thank you for the information!

Mrs. Brewster