

Grading Policy

This class will be graded on a standard scale, 90-100: A, 80-89: B, 70-79: C etc.

The points will be divided according to the following system:

35% Writing

(This may change after the first weeks of school)

24% Reading

8% Outside Reading

8% Listening and Speaking

5% Class Participation

20% Final Exam

Extra credit will be handled on an individual basis and is not guaranteed to anyone. Rounding up in the tabulation of grades is the purview of the teacher and is never done on a wide basis.

Materials



Materials: You will be expected to bring the following items to class **EVERY DAY** regardless of whether you think you are going to need them:

A pen and/or pencil

College-ruled blank paper

A folder to hold class materials **Note**: This may be a section of a larger binder, or just a small folder for this class only.

Your in-class novel or reading assignment Bring it every day!

Your outside reading novel Bring it every day!

Your Chrestomathy Materials Bring them every day!

Important Note: You will be expected to download most of your materials for this class from the class website: www.worldsgreatestenglishclass.com. If you do not have the ability to print this at home, then you are welcome to use the classroom computers, or the computer labs after school, or the media center. Not being able to print at home is NEVER an acceptable excuse for not having your materials.

Computers



There is one main idea regarding the computers in The World's Greatest Classrooms: *Using the school computers is a **PRIVILEGE** not a right.* If you abuse this privilege, you will be barred from using them in this class. Keep in mind that practically all of the assignments during the course of the year will require the use of computers and if you are not allowed to use the ones in class, and you do not have one at home or yours is somehow not functioning, you will have to make other arrangements. You must always ask to use them.

Academic Honesty



The World's Greatest English teachers are very concerned with accountability, especially as it pertains to academic honesty. Cheating in any form will be countered with serious penalties, not the least of which are laid out in the Student Handbook. Do your own work.

A Final Word About Us



We are endeavoring, as teachers, to excel, to create an environment well beyond what students would normally see in a high school English class. We have very high standards for ourselves, that is why we choose to call our class, The World's Greatest English Class; we are striving, in a serious way, to be the best at what we do. This often requires us to do things in an unexpected or unorthodox manner. Do not be alarmed. However, ultimately, in order for this class to truly be the world's greatest, it requires that we also have the World's Greatest Students, and that is what we will be expecting of you this year.