

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Mr. Plett's Classroom

THE CLASSROOM and EACH OTHER

Be respectful of each other – this includes but is not limited to their ideas, their appearance, their abilities, generally who they are. Enjoy the classroom – have fun with the “toys”, read the books and magazines, ask questions, make it an interesting place to be by adding your touch (a poster, picture, poem, symbol, music, etc.).

PUNCTUALITY

Be in your seat with your stuff when the second bell sounds. Be on time; be ready to be part of what is happening here.

FOOD AND DRINK

Don't bring snacks or drinks to class unless I have given you permission to do so.

BATHROOM VISITS

If you need to go to the bathroom, ask and I will generally let you go. Permission to go to the bathroom does not entitle you to go to Redy, or the cafeteria or the gym. Come back to class immediately after doing your business.

PARTICIPATION

If you are engaged in what we are discussing or doing in class, you will learn more and it will also be a more enjoyable experience. You can participate verbally, which is good or you can participate non-verbally. Eye-contact and other body language are good indications to me and to your classmates about whether you are interested.

TESTS

Students will be given sufficient notice of when tests will be given to allow them to prepare. If a student knows that they will be away when a test is being written, the student should make arrangements with the teacher ahead of time.. If a student is sick on the day of the test, a note from a parent or guardian must be shown to the teacher when that student returns to class. Students who skip class or do not provide an explanation for their absence when a test was given will receive a mark of 0 on that test. Students should be prepared to write a missed test the day they return to school, however, my intent is to be fair. Students with an extended illness will be dealt with on an individual basis.

DAILY WORK

Students must keep up with all assigned readings and written assignments. Quizzes may be used to check the completion of homework. I may do periodic notebook checks and I expect all students to maintain a well-organized binder or folder on their electronic device.

FORMAL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

All written assignments must meet the following requirements:

1. Be properly researched using acceptable sources (students will be given information about which sources are to be used)
2. Be documented following the *MLA* format. (See this website for *MLA* help: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>)
3. Follow a formal essay format which includes a clearly stated thesis, proper development of the topic, an appropriate conclusion, a title page, and a list of works cited.. If any of these are missing, the student may be asked to rewrite the assignment or receive a failing mark.

(Students who plagiarize will be subject to the penalties outlined in the *Student Agenda* book.)