

What to expect in Mrs. Colley's Reading class:

Classroom Expectations

1. Be respectful to yourself, others, and of their property!
2. Arrive on time with ALL of your materials-BE PREPARED!
3. Work during all work times-USE TIME WISELY!
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. Follow directions immediately!

Overview

In this class, students will study a variety of literature and learn the similarities and differences between genres. Together we will “tear apart” what we are reading, so as to better understand what the author is saying.

Text Books/Novels

I do not assign textbooks or class novels to individual students. When needed, we will use a class set kept in the classroom. If a student should need a book outside of class, arrangements may be made with me, or the student may attend HU where a copy of the textbook/novel will be available.

Homework

Homework is rarely assigned, other than to read library books. However, when assigned, homework will be expected to be completed and turned in the following day.

AR

You will be expected to earn 3 AR points by the middle of each 6 weeks, and another 2 points by the end of the 6 weeks, for a **combined total of 5 AR points each 6 weeks**. The two grades taken over AR points make up **10% of your 6 weeks average**.

Literary Projects (Test Grade)

Each 6 weeks you will be required to do a project over the type of literature we are studying. A hand-out will be given to each student at the beginning of the 6 weeks which will explain the type of literature being studied, the project, and how it will be graded. The hand-out will also include the date the project is due, as well as the due dates for their 3 and 5 AR points, and any other important dates to be aware of during the 6 weeks. I will include a date for “sloppy copies” to be turned in for me to correct so that the students final copy can receive the full amount of points. Projects will be presented to the class on a designated date.

Students will have **at least 4** weeks to work on their project, including some class time. The hand-out will be kept in their 3-ring binder for them to refer back to as needed. Each day that the project is late will result in 10 points being deducted from the final project grade.

PLAGIARISM

The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.

synonyms copying, infringement of copyright, piracy, theft, stealing;

Any student caught plagiarizing will be expected to redo the assignment and will receive a maximum grade of a 70.

Library Books

We will visit the library during class every 2 weeks, at which time students may check out one (1) library book. Sometimes the book will need to be a specific genre, in order to be used on their literary project. Students will be responsible for carrying their books with them all day, every day, as they may have time to read it in other classes.

Students whose books are not turned in or re-checked on their marked due date will be charged a fine of \$0.10 **per day**, and will not be allowed to check out a new book until the late/lost book is returned **and** the fine has been paid.

Absences

When you are absent, it is **your responsibility** to visit with me about the work that you missed, and to complete it in a timely manner.

Haskell University (HU)

Haskell University is available to all Junior High and High School students. It will begin the 4th week of school, and will be held Monday-Thursday from 3:45-7:45 in the High School Library. HU is a place for students to work on homework with the aid of

two certified teachers. Occasionally, teachers will assign HU to a student to make up or correct assignments. In such cases, students will be given the opportunity to notify parents that they need to stay.

Grades

6 weeks grades will be weighted as follows:

*Tests/Projects	25%
*Daily Work	50%
*Quizzes	15%
*AR	10%

***NOTE: STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CORRECT DAILY ASSIGNMENTS, QUIZZES, AND TEST FOR A 70 IF THE GRADE IS BETWEEN 50-69. GRADES BELOW 50 WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETELY REDONE/RETAKE. TEST UNDER A 70 MUST BE RETAKEN AT HU, STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETAKE A TEST OTHERWISE.**

I am looking forward to a great year and am available to discuss any concerns with you during my conference period which is from to daily. Please call Mrs. New and she will let me know to call you back to set up a date.