

Common Procedures

**Entering the Room and Getting Started:** 1. Enter quietly 2. Complete Titan Blaster on sheet. 3. Look to board for next step.

**Whole Class L****earning:** Laptops closed! Take notes carefully. Look and Listen! No side conversations

## Behavior Policy

1. Be Prompt
2. Be Prepared
3. Be Productive
4. Be Polite
5. Be Patient

Absolutely NO eating, drinking, or gum chewing! NO PHONES or TABLETS

The choices you make will result in + or - consequences. Positives: extra privileges; negatives: lost privileges, detentions, parent calls, or referrals

## Grading Policy

Major Grades: 60%

Minor Grades: 40%

## Absence Policy

If you are absent, you MUST come in during break or between classes to pick up your work. Work not completed after one week will not be accepted. This is **your** **responsibility**!!!

AP English IV

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**Small Group Learning:** 1. Stay with group. 2. Contribute to group 3. Keep voices low. 4. Stay on task. 5. Do your job 6.Finish.

**Individual Learning Time:** 1. Stay on Task! 2. If you have questions another student can answer, WHISPER ask! (Not whole conversations) 3. If you still don’t understand, Ask your teacher! (raise hand, don’t yell)

**End of Class:** 1. Put laptop in its case! 2. Turn in exit ticket. 3.Pick up area. 4. Straighten row. 5. REMAIN SEATED until I dismiss you.

**Laptops:**  Yellow card= no laptops in class on that day.

\*If you are chatting, surfing, gaming, etc., you will lose computer privileges 1st time for the day / 2nd time- detention.

**Titan Time:** If you are absent, makeup time begins at 8:07 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You may also come in to work on assignments, ask questions, or read. You may not come in just to avoid going into the gym because I have students in Titan Time who truly need to work undisturbed.

## Syllabus

**Unit 1:** Old English and Medieval Periods (449-1485) **Anchor Texts:** “Beowulf” and “Prologue to the Canterbury Tales” **Tasks:** historical account; argument; journal entry; letter

**Unit 2**: English Renaissance (1485-1625) **Anchor Text:** *Hamlet* **Tasks:** drama; speaking activity **Outside Reading:** *Othello*

**Unit 3:** 17th and 18th Centuries (1625-1798) **Anchor Texts:** “Modest Proposal” and “Gulliver’s Travels” **Tasks**: short stories, poetry; persuasive essay

**Unit 4:** Romantic Period (1798-1832) **Anchor Texts**: “A Vindication of the Rights of Woman” **Tasks**: gothic literature; historical writing **Outside Reading:** *Frankenstein*

**Unit 5:** Victorian Period (1833-1901) **Anchor Text:** *Jane Eyre* **Tasks:** comparison essay; research paper

**Unit 6:** Modern Era (1901-Present) **Anchor Texts:** “Shooting an Elephant” **Tasks**: Argument; Historical Fiction; Debate; Media Presentation

**Group Work:** 1. You will almost always be assigned a group. 2. No complaints, please. 3. Contribute to your group. 4. Stay in your group, both vocally and bodily. 5. Perform your job.(Jobs will be given at a later time.) 6. Use your quiet voice. \*Failure to follow group procedures results in removal from group. You get one warning before being assigned independent work.

**Moving in Class:** With all the laptops this year, please do not get out of your seat without permission. Raise your hand to ask permission- do not yell across the room.

**Other policies/ FAQ’s**

**Can we eat or drink in this class?**  Not this year. We have too many computers in class, not to mention the mice that will come to live with us if crumbs are left on the floor. You may bring a drink in a CLOSED bottle that stays in your bag, which will stay on the floor.

**Can I put my purse/bag on my desk?** No. Bags need to go on the floor under your desk. If you can’t put your bag on the floor, you don’t need to bring it to school.

I’**m super-stealthy. Can you really tell (most of the time) when I’m using my phone?** Most of the time yes. Seriously, no one’s lap lights up, and no one stares at their lap and smiles.

**Will I get my phone back if you take it?** Not from me, even if it was your mom texting you.

**What if I’m late? Can’t I just slide in the door?** Nope. Go get a tardy slip.

**Will you open the door if I knock just once?**  Yes! It may take a second, but don’t pound on the door.

**What time is lunch?** We have second lunch.

**Can I go to the bathroom during this class?** You have two bathroom passes for each nine weeks. When they’re gone, each bathroom pass after that counts as a tardy. No restroom passes during whole class learning, group learning, or the first/end fifteen minutes of class. If you pass a bathroom to get to my room, don’t ask me to go back to it.

**What if I need a Kleenex?** Raise your hand. If we have tissue, I’ll give you a tissue. Please remember to throw your own tissue away. Picking up used tissues is gross.

**What if I forgot my pencil?** Borrow one from the pencil desk. Put it back when done.

**What if I forgot my laptop?** Borrow one from the office. I will also (usually) have paper copies available for those without laptops.

**Do I have to come during Titan Time if I need to make up a test?** Yes. It’s your responsibility.

**What if I get mad at someone in class? Can I yell and/or hit them?** Um, no. You can ask for a time out or talk to me. Please don’t take matters into your own hands. (plus I love my laptop; please don’t do anything that jeopardizes it!)

**Someone’s giving announcements over the intercom, and it’s taking forever. Can’t I just talk?** No. We need to hear them; even if you think they don’t apply to you, they may apply to someone in our class.

**I gave someone my headphones. Can I go get my headphones?** No. Interrupting another teacher’s class is not on the agenda.

**Will we have free days?** No. We may have free moments, if we earn them. However, entire free class blocks will not happen.

**What if I forgot to put my name on my work?** If you want the grade, you must put your name on it.

**I have to leave early Friday for our football game (or band, or baseball, or fill in the blank). I can turn in my project when I get back, right?** No. If the absence is pre-planned, you must turn in your project or paper before you leave.

**I saw my grade on Active Student. Can I ask you about an assignment in the middle of class?** Grade questions should be asked during Titan time. I cannot remember your grade by heart, and I can’t spend time dealing with grade questions during class time.

**I don’t know what to do!** Figure out a question that will help get your head back in the game. Or pay attention to what’s going on around you.

-Don’t be overwhelmed or frustrated!

-You will be asked to think- a lot! You will be asked to write- a lot! You will be asked to read- a lot!

-Prepare to be challenged. If you never stretch your mind, you’ll never grow your mind.

I’m very excited to work with you this year! Let’s make it a good one!