**Mrs. Boteler’s 7th Grade ELA**

**Teacher Website**

I generally update my Homework Blog (on the MMS website, under the “teachers” tab) once a week with all homework, quizzes, tests etc. The blog will not always reflect everything we do in a class period, and after an absence, it’s the student’s responsibility to check the Absent folder for their class period.

**Canvas**

We will use Canvas OFTEN in this class, especially in Accelerated.

**Contact**: If you have checked my Homework Blog and can’t find the information that you need, please Email Mrs. Boteler at kboteler@madison-schools.com. Email is THE BEST way to get in touch with me. I respond to emails very quickly.

**Remind:** Stay up-to-date by joining your class by using Remind. I will use Remind to send important text message reminders to students and parents. Remind is a safe way to stay informed. Look for your Remind “invitation text” to come out sometime this week.

**ChromeBooks**: You will be assigned a ChromeBook number and you are responsible for your ChromeBook while you are in class. Handle the ChromeBook properly, leave the settings alone, and always dock the CB correctly.

**Cell Phone Policy:** You must have explicit permission to use a cell phone in class and it must only be used for educational purposes. Most of the time, cell phones will be “docked” in the pocket holder near my desk. If anyone violates this policy, his or her cell phone will be confiscated and submitted to the front office for parent pick up.

**Supplies:**Students are expected to bring the following items to class each day:

* ELA binder (YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE ONE **JUST** FOR THIS CLASS!!) with 5 dividers (we’ll set up in class this week)
* Composition notebook (will stay in class to be used as Reader Response Journal)
* Folder with brads and pockets (will stay in class until used as Writing Folder)
* notebook paper
* Pencil or pen and highlighter
* Earphones
* Assignments and/or Homework
* **THE BOOK YOU ARE READING FOR READING LOG!**

**Expectations**: I expect you to be **prepared** to learn every day:

* Physically: be physically present with all needed supplies and completed assignments.
* Mentally: Study *before* coming to class and keep a positive, respectful, do-your-best attitude.
* All students are expected to abide by the MMS honor code.

**Entering the classroom:** When you enter the classroom, pick up any handouts, sit in your assigned seat, and silently begin the JagMark if there is one. When you finish the JagMark, write down your homework and review today’s agenda *silently*.

**Homework:** We do not often have written homework in this class, because each student is expected to read each night toward their **90 minute reading log assignment. (This will start the third full week of school.)** Homework assignments will be posted on the board as well as the class website. Late homework is not accepted and will be entered as a NG (0).

**Grading Policy:**

* Major grades (tests, essays, Socratic Seminars, and projects) will count for 67% of grade
* Minor grades (quizzes, homework, Jag Marks, and class work) will count for 33% of grade.

**Active Student/Active Parent**: Please check your grades regularly to make sure everything is correct and to gauge your progress. Here are some marks you may be concerned about:

* + NG – Waiting on you! This grade means a **zero** until you submit your work and it is graded. If you see this, it is probably pulling your grade down significantly, but when you complete the assignment, your grade will adjust accordingly.
	+ 0 – you were present and you didn’t complete your work.
	+ NM – Dropped assignment or waiting on me! If you are absent, you may have missed an in class assignment that is not possible to make up. I will put an NM in the gradebook if you do NOT have to make it up. This mark does not affect your grade.
* If you see a mistake on ActiveStudent or you have a question about grades, please email me.

YouTube Channel

I have a youtube channel where I post videos that correlate with our current unit of study. These are educational videos that I feel are useful to help reinforce what we are learning or may be used as a non-print text for a particular lesson. You can always see these at:

[**https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHJjmH8a3wMNcm8ed-oRjJQ**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHJjmH8a3wMNcm8ed-oRjJQ)

**Rules & Consequences:**

Students will be expected to follow the Honor Code.

Behavior Consequences are as follows: **1.** Verbal Warning, **2.** Phone Call home, **3**. Parent Notice 1, **4.** Parent Notice 2, **5.** Office Referral

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