

Please read the following rules and procedures to fully understand how things will work within the classroom. Each rule and procedure is set in place to ensure that you have a positive learning environment and you are available to speak your respectful opinion with the respect of others.

Rules:

1. Follow all directions the first time given.
2. No food or drink - people, including the teacher, have allergies that we must respect. All food will be thrown away if confiscated.
3. No cell phones allowed unless permission from teacher or administrator is given. If a cell phone is being used, when allowed for non educational purposes, it will be taken up and given to an administrator and a parent will be called.

Procedures:

- A. When the student enters the room, your needed items will be waiting him or her one the corner of the table.
 - a. Student will pick up the items needed and go straight to his or her desk.
- B. Student will immediately start his or her bell ringer. If student is not in his or her desk and working on the bellringer when the tardy bell rings, **student will receive a detention for being tardy.**
- C. Students will have a set time (it will be projected on the board or instructed by the teacher) to complete the bell ringer. We will review each day's bellringer. Every bellringer is a grade. The entire paper will be taken up on Friday for a daily grade.
 - a. These grades add up quickly! Be adamant about finishing your bell ringer fully.
- D. Make up work: You have the total number of days allotted in the handbook to make up any assignments. Missing work will always be in the hanging folder by the door.
- E. Essays:
 - a. Essays will not be accepted late. It is English class; you will write.
 - b. You'll be responsible for printing your essays and turning each essay in on time.
- F. You are encouraged, expected, and wanted in class. Be present!
- G. Always have a writing utensil, an active brain, and paper with you.
- H. The class offers a lot of opportunity to discuss real world issues - in order to participate in discussions, you must:
 - a. Always be respectful! If you are not respectful, discussion privileges will be revoked.
 - b. Discussion participation is for a grade.
 - c. Everyone is different and so are our opinions, react accordingly.
- I. Reading:
 - a. We will read a lot! It's the best part about English.
 - b. We will read old, new, fiction, and nonfiction.
 - c. Each reading will have activities - your attendance and participation are **vital**.
 - d. Silent reading will occur. This will help you become a stronger reader and more confident reader. Each silent reading will result in a grade. If you are fake reading, looking around, talking, and/or sleeping, you will receive a zero.
- J. When exiting the room:
 - a. All work that is due that day will be put in your class' assigned box. Each box is labeled.
 - b. Exit tickets go in the basket labeled exit tickets.
 - c. If work is not properly put in the correct box, you will **not** receive a grade. You are in high school; be responsible.
- K. The bell does not dismiss the class; Ms. Smith does.

Materials you will need:

- A. Folder (any folder with pockets inside will work, Wal Mart has folders for 15-25 cents)
- B. Writing utensil
 - a. Pen or pencil is acceptable - pencils are the best option for correcting mistakes
- C. Notebook paper
 - a. We will write.

Contact information:

- A. Please sign up for FREE text messages. I will send alerts through Remind101. You can text @smith9ela to 81010
 - a. You'll receive reminders, updates, etc through text messages.
- B. My email address is: susmith@hinds.k12.ms.us - please feel free to email me at anytime. I check it often.
- C. Terry High School's phone number is: (601) 878-5905
- D. Room Location: 115

Expectations & goals:

- 1. Each student will work extremely hard to raise his or her reading ability.
- 2. Each student will be encouraged to consistently push his or herself to further his or her writing ability.
- 3. Each student will dig into texts to search for answers and create written responses based on answers discovered.
- 4. Each student and teacher will respect each other at all times.

Examples of readings that will be used in class:

- 1. Romeo and Juliet
- 2. The Most Dangerous Game
- 3. The Landlady
- 4. Thank You Ma'am
- 5. And MUCH, MUCH more!

Please return this paper signed and completely filled out for your first quiz grade. This paper is due January 6, 2017.

Student name: _____ Student's current class/grade: (ex: 9th) _____

Student signature: _____

Parent name:(please print) _____

Parent signature: _____

Parent email: _____

Parent contact number: _____ Best time to call/contact: _____

Any additional concerns/thoughts for Ms. Smith: