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Mr. Findley

**Contact Information**

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Room: C-121 (5th Period)

Off Periods: 1-4

**Materials (Come prepared with these everyday)**

Laptops/Computers/Tablets

3 Ring Binder/Folder (specifically for this class)

Notebook Paper (College Ruled)

Writing Utensils

**Classroom Policies**

1. Greatness in the classroom can only be achieved by maximum efforts from all involved. I will give you all my best efforts and I expect the same in return. YOU GET OUT WHAT YOU PUT IN.
2. Students and teacher will create a safe and welcoming environment, in which all ideas and opinions can be shared and appreciated.
3. Proper behavior, etiquette, and language will be emphasized at all times.
4. Be ready to go! Students will be in their seats with all materials ready to learn when the bell rings. Please engage in the warm-up once class begins.
5. I will dismiss you, NOT the bell!
6. Take care of all classroom materials – Books, readings, etc.
7. Food and Drink: This will be a privilege that you will have to earn. If you do earn it, please be respectful and clean up after yourself (and sometimes your peers). Never ask me if you can go to the school store during class, pretend it doesn’t exist.
8. Electronics: Again this will be a privilege that you will have to earn. There will be no cell phone use at the beginning of the semester. By displaying to me that you can appropriately and respectfully use them, I will grant you access. The only electronics allowed in class will be your computers/tablets/laptops, I will let you know when their use is allowed, otherwise keep them put away.
9. Late work – It is your responsibility to get what you miss, I’ll help you outside of class on your own time. Students will have 4 days to turn in any assignment after it is due and only receive a letter grade deduction. After 4 days any late work turned in will be graded and given 50% of the score received.
10. Only 2 students may leave the room at any given time (one girl, one boy).

**Grading**

Your grade will be calculated according to Standards Based Grading. The emphasis of this type of system is that the student actually demonstrates knowledge of content. It is important that you play by the rules (participate, turn in work, etc.) but the focus is on what you truly learn.

Progress Towards Standards (85%)

* Assessments (Summative) = 50%
	+ Final Projects, Written Tests, Written Reports, Oral Reports, Socratic Seminars,
* Assignments (Formative) = 35%
	+ Notes, Classwork, Study Guides, Quizzes

Effective Learner Skills (15%)

* Day to Day Learning
	+ Participation, Attendance, Working in Groups, Homework, etc.

**Conduct**

Your participation in, and preparation for class are very important to make the class a positive learning experience for us all. This classroom will be a place where all opinions are listened to and each person is treated with respect. When someone is talking it is the responsibility of all of us to listen. Discussion is encouraged and differences in opinion are expected, we just need to be respectful in the process. Racial, gender, and other slurs will not be tolerated and are completely unacceptable. Refer to your student handbook for more specific expectations of student conduct. Use your head and a little common sense and we should all be fine.

Student’s Name (Printed)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_