

# : 8<sup>th</sup> Reading :

## Bring to every class:

- ✓ Laptop
- ✓ Writing utensil
- ✓ Independent Reading Book
- ✓ Notebook
- ✓ Class Materials (the reading materials we are studying)

## Tentative Due Date:

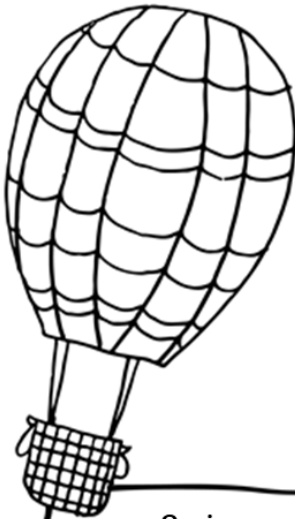
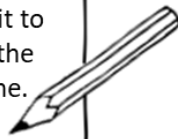
The end of each month is a busy time. Book projects and bell ringers are due at the end of each month. Save yourself some sanity and don't get behind. Additional due date information can be found on Canvas

## Leaving class

Active classroom participation is essential to success in this class, therefore leaving class for any reason is discouraged.

## Literature Journal

You are responsible for writing a journal entry each week about either the class readings or their independent readings, and submitting it to Canvas before the weekly deadline.



## Quizzes

Pop quizzes are given over reading assignments and occasionally, vocabulary lessons. Announced quizzes will be given over literature notes and vocabulary units.

Cell phones are not to be used during class (this includes watches). If your phone becomes a distraction you will need to turn it in to me.

## Tardies

Being late to class is unacceptable. If you are not in your assigned seat when the bell rings. Quizzes missed because of an unexcused tardy may not be made up.

## Laptops

Your laptop is essential for this class, you will need to bring it fully charged to class every day.

## Homework policy:

- Homework is due when class begins. Incomplete or late homework will receive a 0.
- A reading assignment is important homework. Pop quizzes are given over the reading
- Very little paper is used in my classroom. EVERY assignment has a submission of some type in Canvas for grading purposes
- If you are absent it is your responsibility to check Canvas for your homework assignment.

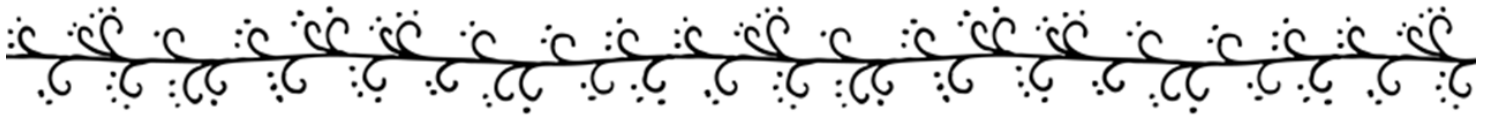
## How can I earn an A on an assignment?

1. Follow all directions exactly-carefully read the assignment description in Canvas.
2. Put in some thought and planning-don't just fill a word count.
3. Do all work assigned and turn it in on time.
4. ASK FOR HELP. I'm always available if you don't understand something
5. Be sure your thoughts are logically organized in a definite order.

Have a question? E-mail me!



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## Absence and Make-up Work Policy

**School activities:** Students will occasionally miss class due to school activities. Participants are responsible to make-up any missed quizzes, tests, or classwork, and to obtain any notes or information given in class. Homework and papers are still due on the assigned day- participants must submit the assignment in Canvas before the deadline. Assignments turned in the day after a class missed due to an activity will be counted as late.

**Excused absences:** Students have two days to turn in assignments and make up missed quizzes and tests. On the third day, items not made up will be given a grade of zero. Make-up work will be posted in Canvas. Always check in to see what you missed.

**Unexcused absences:** Homework and classwork must be completed. Graded assignments will be given a grade of zero. The office determines whether an absence is excused.

**Late work:** Papers, projects, and compositions will lose 5 points for each class day that they are late. An item turned in after class is considered late.



### Check Canvas!

You can see your grades, your homework, and important documents for class on Canvas. We will use this platform daily, so make sure you are comfortable with it!!

## Book Projects

**But why?** Book projects help to strengthen reading skills, broaden literary taste, increase the ability to analyze writing, and develop the ability to express opinions through oral and written communication.

**What do I have to read?** For each project, choose a book that interests you, that you have never read, or a book we read in class.

**Independent Reading:** Tuesdays and Thursdays are independent reading days. During independent reading class periods, students may read a novel of choice or unfinished assigned readings. During this time, computers may not be used (with the exception of that day's bell ringer) and homework for other classes may not be completed. I want students to focus on making reading a habit during this time. Individual conferencing between myself and students will take place during this time. You have the opportunity to earn 10 participation points for these reading days. In order to earn full points, you must come to class prepared (with a book to read) and must be on task during reading time.

