CLASS EXPECTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES  
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AP Classroom Code: 49EZ3Q  
  
Welcome to your senior year of high school! This is an exciting year and a chance for academic and personal growth. I encourage all of you to exceed your expectations of yourselves and to have a good time doing so. In order for this to happen, there are some necessary guidelines. Your success is my goal; therefore, I expect the best behaviors and the best effort from every student. You are responsible for your own learning!  
  
**Be prepared:** Bring your sense of humor along with anything necessary to read and write in class every day. You will need a binder with a spiral notebook and dividers to keep track of each unit, as well as test preparation materials. You will also need Post-it notes to mark areas of importance in your reading. SAVE EVERYTHING!   
  
**Be punctual:** Punctuality is a courtesy to your classmates, your own learning, and me. Your deadlines will be posted on the board, your assignments, and/or the class site. No late work will be accepted for full credit. Do not come to me with excuses. Even if you were absent the class prior to the due date, you are still responsible for the work on date specified. If you have extenuating circumstances that you deem as extraordinary, you may persuade me to accept your work in a formal persuasive essay turned in with the completed assignment. I reserve the right to not be persuaded.   
  
**Homework:** I consider homework very important for learning, and you cannot fully participate in class discussions and assignments if the homework is not completed. Do not be surprised if there is a pop quiz on assigned reading. Make-up work will only be accepted for excused absences. Utilize email, Google Classroom, or classmates to determine work assigned during absences.   
  
**Be respectful:** Encourage yourself and your classmates by keeping comments positive and free from derogatory remarks. You are mostly seniors, and I should not have to take up any class time reminding you of school rules, such as phone usage, food in the classroom, or dress code violations. Be here to learn.  
  
**Be resourceful**: Push yourself beyond comfortable limits; think critically and creatively. Challenge yourself to find creative solutions. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to seek out make-up assignments; there are no extensions. I am available before and after school to discuss make-up work and to offer assistance on class work. Your learning is my goal!  
  
Plagiarism of any kind will result in 0 points for that assignment. If you are copying from a friend, that is plagiarism, which will result in zero points for both students. If you are cutting and pasting from the Internet, that is plagiarism, again zero points. You may paraphrase and use quotes with proper citation. Three or more consecutive words taken from a source must be cited.  
  
All assignments should be legible, using complete sentences and proper punctuation. Essays should be typed double-spaced using a legible 12-point font and submitted with all prior drafts. Improperly formatted assignments may require a redo or may not be accepted at all.

**Grading:**

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| **Category** | **Percentage** | **Description** |
| Test/Major Essay | 45 | You will have tests throughout the course when we complete units. Additionally, we will be working through the writing process on major papers. |
| Quiz/Minor Essay | 35 | You will have both planned and unplanned reading checks, vocabulary assessments, and on-demand essays. Additionally, some essay-length assignments will fall under this category. |
| Homework/Classwork | 20 | This includes AP practice online, reading responses, notes, journals, and participation in group and class discussions. |