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Freshman Assist



1st hour:
Mon: 8:42-9:26
Tu-Fri: 8:00-8:50

COURSE GOALS

Think critically about yourself and the world around you.



VALUE YOUR MISTAKES:
internalize the idea that mistakes are a direct path to growth and knowledge.



Recognize and believe that **YOUR VOICE MATTERS:**
the words that you choose and the tone that you use has the ability to create sustainable change.



OWN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS:
internalize the belief that you have a responsibility toward the individuals in your life and, likewise, a responsibility to yourself.



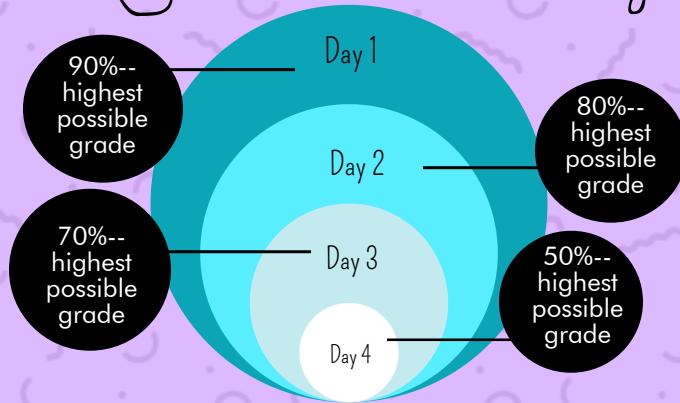
MANAGE YOUR IRRITATIONS:
develop coping mechanisms and professional responses to situations that lead to frustration and anger.

GRADING



If you miss class, it is your responsibility to check in with Mrs. Dempsey to gather the necessary materials and/or discuss what you missed in class.

Late Work Policy



You will have one (2) school day to submit the assignment unless instructed otherwise.

Students may submit assignments late for reduced credit. For each school day an assignment is late, I will deduct 10% from the score you would have initially earned, had the assignment been on time. After 4 days, however, the student may not receive credit.

COURSE FOCI

Our study will consist of (but is certainly not limited to):



Articulate a **defended position** or interpretation of a particular concept through writing initiatives such as timed-essays (on-demand), reflection responses, formal essays, research papers, and speeches.



Inquiry

Actively engage in a variety of discussions with fellow scholars to solve problems; devise and discuss deeper-thinking questions through whole-group, small-group, and partnered discussions.



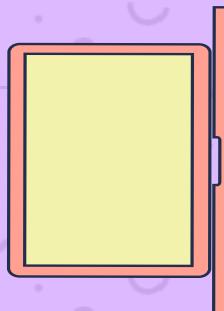
Reading

Understand various text structures and the best method of annotation; utilize prior knowledge and make connections to text, self, & world

COURSE POLICIES

Be here. Be responsible. Be respectful. Be brilliant.

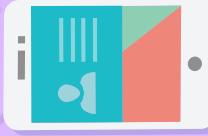
WEBPAGE + REMIND



My classroom webpage will be the primary source for handouts, assignments, and instructions for this course. You can find my site on GPN's website (under "staff profiles" on the North English homepage) or by visiting WWW.SANDOVALGPN.WEEBLY.COM

If you have a smartphone, you and/or a parent can sign-up to receive text messages from me through a service called Remind. I will frequently send out assignment reminders through this system. To receive them, send a message to the recipient "81010" with the code given in class.

DISRUPTIONS



I am more than happy to meet with you individually to discuss your reading, writing, or any other aspect of this course. Please (please!) feel very welcome to come visit me before school, during lunch, after school at any time.

I am always available via email as well and pride myself on responding within 24 hours of when your email was sent.

If I cannot meet your individual needs, desires, concerns, I promise to find you a resource that can.

As a general rule, you are expected to keep your cell phone PUT AWAY during class to minimize distractions. Students are ONLY to use devices in class if we are using them for instructional purposes. After the second warning, Ms. Sandoval will collect your cell phone and will keep it until the end of the school day.

Generally: Be on time, be attentive and actively engaged during class, and kindly refrain from side conversations and packing up your materials/books before class has been dismissed.