

# Mr. Thompson's Classroom Policies & Expectations



**Attendance:** Good grades are normally impossible without good attendance. When students are absent, they must see me about making up the material that was missed and then remember to turn assignments in when they are due. Remember that consequences for unexcused absences include detentions and loss of credit for assignments missed. Arriving in class more than halfway through the period without a pass will result in an unexcused absence.

**Assignments:** Points assigned for tests, homework, and other assignments indicate their relative weight in terms of grading. Daily assignments will not be accepted late. Larger assignments (like papers or projects) will lose one letter grade for each day late. Loss of credit will result for unexcused absence, cheating, or plagiarism.

**Grades:** All of my gradebook information is available through the PASS system. Students should check their grades regularly and ask about any missing assignments. I use an absolute scale (not a curve) for grading: 90-100% = A, 80-89% = B, 70-79% = C, 60-69% = D. Extra credit opportunities are scarce, so take advantage of them when they are available.

**Materials:** The course textbook must be brought to class when specified. Assigned novels will be distributed for each unit; the books belong to the student and should be annotated while reading (as instructed for each novel). Keep the aisles clear: stow your luggage in the underseat compartment!

**General:** Food is not allowed in class. Drinks must be in a sealed container. Washroom passes will be signed within reason if the student has a passbook. Cell phones and other electronics must be out of sight during the class period. If a cell phone goes off or is in use during class, it will be taken away. Windows and shades should be left alone.

Respectful behavior is expected of everyone.

My web page will have information for the major units we will cover during the course of the year. In addition, vocabulary words are also available for review. Visit the English department page to visit my site.