

Ms. Chetty: Syllabus

Your complete guide through our study of language

Overarching Mindset

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically... But we must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Materials

Every day, please come to class prepared with:

- Post It Notes
- Our current reading
- Your planner
- A pen/pencil

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism: The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.

Students who plagiarize any assignment (including but not limited to classwork, homework, and essays) or are involved in any other form of cheating will be subject to the following policy:

1. The teacher will notify the student prior to contacting the parent.
2. The teacher will arrange a meeting with the student and student's parent/guardian if requested by parent.
3. The administration will review the student's eligibility for honor societies and academic awards.

Discipline Policy

“Self-respect is the root of discipline: The sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself.” –Abraham Heschel

Each student is expected to behave in a manner that exemplifies dedication, discipline, desire, honesty, loyalty and respect. Students will be held responsible and accountable for behavior that conveys these principles.

School Property

All students are expected to respect and care for all property of Fall River School District including building facilities, desks, dry erase boards, books, restroom facilities, lockers, etc. Any student damaging or defacing school property will be required to pay for the damage or loss. Willful destruction or defacement of school property at any time is just cause for disciplinary action.

At the end of each school year, all students are required to return all school-issued materials (textbooks, novels, athletics uniforms, calculators, etc.) in good condition. Students who fail to do so will have to reimburse the school the replacement cost of these items.

Cell Phones and Other Electronics

During school hours, all student cell phones must be turned off. If at any time during the school day the cell phone is **seen or heard**, the cell phone will be confiscated, and school policy will be upheld.

Class Rules

- When students enter my classroom, I expect them to be ready for class. That means having a ‘serious mind’. If I ask you to get into a ‘serious mind’ it means I need you to settle down and be prepared to work.
- I always start my class with a DO NOW. This is usually a short warm up activity that you can complete without any instructions from me. When the bells rings for class I expect everyone to be working at a Level 0 on their DO NOW. I will not be answering questions during the DO NOW.
- There will not be any food or beverages allowed in my classroom whatsoever. No exceptions.
- I expect strong, silent, raised hands if you have a question. I want all of us to be heard and that can only happen if you have permission to speak.
- When I am speaking no one else should be speaking. Please respect each other and do not interrupt or disrupt each other.
- If you need to get up from your desk to get a tissue or to use the bathroom, sign to me by pointing (tissue) or holding up your planner (bathroom).
- No one is to leave their assigned desk unless I have given you permission. This is to make sure we have a safe place for everyone to learn.

- I do not allow people to laugh at each other if they make mistakes. We all make mistakes. I expect everyone to be supportive.
- I do not allow students to put their heads on their desk. Posture and concentration go hand in hand in my class. I cannot tell if you're listening or working if your head is down.
- Professional language is to be used in my class. No swearing or vulgarity. Any type of disrespect will not be tolerated.
- If you are tardy to class please knock once and stand my door so I can see you. I will let you into class as soon as I can.
- If I ask you to read aloud and you feel uncomfortable, I still need you to read at least one sentence. That is the minimum amount.
- Nothing should be passed or thrown in class. I will confiscate it.

BOOK LISTS

The following is a list of books that will be read in my class. If there are any reasons a student feels uncomfortable reading a book please let me know as soon as possible so I can make arrangements for another book to be read in its stead.

8th Grade: Freak The Mighty, Johnny Tremain, Lord of the Flies, Shooter, Monster, Tears of the Tiger, Pygmalion, The Odyssey.

9th Grade: To Kill A Mockingbird, 12 Angry Men, Letter From Birmingham Jail, The Five People You Meet in Heaven, short stories by Edgar Allan Poe, Shakespeare's Sonnets, Romeo and Juliet, La Linea, House on Mango Street.

Contemporary Lit: Ender's Game, Feed, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Brave New World, Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?, Rocket Boys, A Raisin in the Sun, poetry from the Harlem Renaissance, Into the Wild.