

# Welcome to Mrs. Stewart's Room!

## Bring:

- Paper or notebook
- Pen or pencil
- Folder or binder to hold papers
- Class novel (as applies)
- Chromebook (charged)
- Headphones (optional)

## Tardies:

- Being late to class is not acceptable. I will take a pass when you arrive, and you will not be able to make up what you miss (i.e. turning in homework, a quiz, etc.).
- Emails will be sent home if students are persistently tardy or if they are disruptive to the rest of the class when they come in.
- When you enter, put pass sheet on my desk - I'll get to it eventually

## Exiting the Room:

- I will take one of your passes - just put it on my desk and I will get to it when I get to it
- Grab the pass for your destination (girls' bathroom, boys' bathroom, locker, hall [for office or other])
- **One** person may be out of the room at any time - so you must wait for that person to get back so that you can go
- You are responsible for catching up when you come back - the class will not pause to wait for you

## Absences:

- Excused absences: Students need to meet with me to discuss a timeline for getting their work caught up. Make sure you look at Google Classroom to see if there are things that you can work on if you are feeling up to it.
- Remember, in this class we will be doing a lot of reading, so if possible, staying caught up with that will go a long way in keeping you on track.
- Late work: Late work will automatically receive a zero. Late projects/papers will be accepted one day late for half-credit.



## Homework:

- Homework is due when class begins. Late homework will receive a zero.
- A reading assignment is important homework. Occasionally pop quizzes will be given over the reading – not to mention that the reading will come up on tests, exams, and projects.
- If you are absent it is your responsibility to check Planbook / Google Classroom and check in with me regarding what you missed.

## Behavior:

- Listen to myself and others when they are speaking – don't talk over each other
- Use your work time – if you don't want it, I can fill it with other activities, I assure you
- Stay quiet – odds are, even if you're done, others are still working so let them work in peace
- Treat my stuff with respect – if you can't do that, you will be expected to bring your own materials from home
- Be kind

## Notes, Tests, & Quizzes:

- Typically I provide note sheets to fill out for notes. Make sure that you keep these organized because that information will be on tests, quizzes, and exams. If you lose them, I will not replace them
- We briefly review as a class the day before scheduled tests and quizzes. We go over reading and study guides in class continuously as we go through the material.
- Usually I will share a Quizlet or Kahoot! for you to study with, so make sure you use those tools.

## Projects & Writing:

- Projects: I always provide several options and often allow for a design-your-own style that students can consult with me on. Projects typically equal or surpass the number of points given for tests, so they are not something to be taken lightly. Not doing them will severely injure your grade.
- Writing: We do a variety of writing in all of my classes. Writing projects are incredibly time-consuming, and as such, they are worth a lot of points. As you write, we will work in steps, so there are typically more points going into these projects than just the final paper grade. By not doing these writing projects, you will be severely endangering your grade and your chances of passing.

## Phone Policy:

- New school motto: "Instruction X Students = No Phones"
- You may keep it on your person, but it must be kept put away.
- Misuse guidelines:
  - Level 1: Warning - I will ask you to put your phone away when you are on it in class. I will also be sending emails home to let parents know about the misuse of technology.
  - Level 2: Classroom detentions - If you persist with being on your phone in class, you will be assigned a detention to serve in my room before school.
  - Level 3: Administration - If you continue to be on your phone, you will be asked to go to the office.
- The bottom line is that class time is meant to be productive. Keep your phones put away.

## Potential Units: Modern Mystery

Though we may not get to them all, here are some units we might cover this year:

- *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
- *Ten* by Gretchen McNeil
- True crime unit
- Detective fiction - Edgar Allan Poe and Arthur Conan Doyle (emphasis on different iterations of Sherlock Holmes)
- *A Study in Charlotte* by Brittany Cavallaro
- *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart
- Movies / Episodes: *Sherlock*, *Murder on the Orient Express*, *Knives Out*, *Poker Face*, *Clue*