



Miss O'Connor

Homework Online: <http://nmsteamhomework.wikispaces.com/81>

Edmodo: <http://wps.edmodo.com>

Help class: Tuesday 2:35-3:15 or by appointment

Welcome to Team 81, *The Bulldogs!* Tonight I'd like you to read my class policies and "what does mastery mean" (on back) with your parent or guardian to find out what your responsibilities are this year and how you will be graded in my class. When you have finished, please sign at the bottom of this page.

### Grading Philosophy

Revision and reflection are the most important part of the writing process. They provide an opportunity for you to apply what you have learned to your own work. That's why most of your grade is based on the changes and growth in your writing. If a final draft is due, and yours is not complete, I still accept and grade your work. Even an incomplete draft can show growth, and this is how I know what you have learned. I score your final drafts using a rubric that reflects the mastery objectives.

### Homework

I expect you to read at least two books (independently) each marking term, keep a reading journal and comment on your classmates' reading responses. You can use a blog to keep your journal or write in a notebook. You'll also view videos or PowerPoints and visit websites that introduce and reinforce concepts. All your writing is done in class where you can get support and feedback from me. However, if you are having *time management* problems you may need to write at home to meet deadlines.

### Your Average

Keeping track of your average is an important responsibility. To help you, I return all graded assignments and provide you with a grade sheet to record your grades. However, since it is your responsibility to record your grades, and because grades are a private matter, I do not discuss averages during class. If you want to discuss a concern, please make the time to meet with me confidentially before or after school.

### Missing Class or Classwork

Making up work you miss if you're absent is another big responsibility. Fortunately, there are many resources available to help you: homework online, homework hotline, Edmodo and of course, your friends, so be sure to take advantage of all these options. Because there are so many resources, please understand that I won't ever disrupt class to answer, "What did we do yesterday?"

Extended absences will be handled on an individual basis. However, work that is not turned in within a reasonable period following an extended absence cannot be made up.

### Assignment Turn In

Since many projects and final assessments are submitted through Edmodo\*, you will need to create an account and join your class group.

The group code for your class is: \_\_\_\_\_

Assignments are turned in during homeroom or in class on the day they are due. I only accept late work if you're absent on the turn in day and then the assignment is due the day you return to school.

Please be aware, a concert, field trip, or other commitment that causes you to miss class is not considered an absence, and it is your responsibility to turn in your work **that day**.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

