

Class Syllabus

Borger

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Responsibility: knowing what needs to be done and doing it.

Choice: You have control over your success or failure based on the choices you make.

Recognize that for every choice there are consequences.

Accept the consequences for your actions in all things.

I don't **give** grades; you **earn** grades based on the choices you make.

“Just turning it in” does not get you an automatic “A.”

Class rules:

Respect each other's personal items & space

- No hitting or touching
- No taking or touching something that does not belong to you
- No mooching: bring your own materials to class

Respect learning environment

- No abusive, homo-hateful, racist, sexist, or disrespectful language
- No talking when someone else has the floor
- No “shut-up”
- Stay in assigned seats unless movement is permitted

Be Responsible

- Do not blame others for your behavior
- Ask Borger questions if you need help or are having technical difficulties
- Check Google Classroom / Course Website, and Email *daily*.
- Organize Google Drive and Emails with folders – delete what you don't need!

Attendance:

- You are to be in the room, in your seat when the bell rings.
- Check the whiteboard for instructions for the day.
- Check the Google Classroom Stream or Course Website for daily remote content.

Assignment Expectations:

- Homework may only be handed in up to **one day late for ½ credit.**
- Homework will be given √, +, - **grades** using the Participation Rubric below: above average, average, below average. No cellphones allowed in class.
- Major assignments are docked one letter grade for each day the assignment is late. Major assignments will not be accepted 5 days beyond the original due date. An “F” is *always better than a zero*. Some points are better than none.
- **Plagiarism Policy:** I strictly enforce the school’s plagiarism policy. If you are caught cheating or turning in work that is not your own—including, but not limited to, copy and pasting any section of a larger piece of work you turn in—**you will receive a zero on the assignment & parental units** will be contacted via TeacherEase.

<p>(+ Plus) Above Average</p>	<p>On time to class, engaged the entire time, does not leave early. Goes above and beyond assignment requirements. Makes meaningful, creative inferences. Demonstrates creativity / produces polished final document. Demonstrates high level of self-reflection. Fully developed connections to work being studied / larger social issues. Is fully engaged and immersed in class activities. Takes on democratic leadership roles. Never checking phone.</p>
<p>(√ Check) Average</p>	<p>Late to class / leaves class early, primarily engaged while in class. Fulfills minimal assignment requirements. Comprehends the surface level of the prompt. Minimal attempt made at polishing final product. Little to no self-reflection. Few connections to work being studied / larger social issues. Complies during class activities. Occasional texting / phone checking.</p>
<p>(- Minus) Below Average</p>	<p>Late to class / leaves class early, disruptive / distracted while present. Does not fulfill all assignment requirements. Sloppy, improperly formatted, lazy final product. No self-reflection or connection to work being studied / larger social issues. Distracts self or others during class activities. Frequent texting / phone checking. On phone more than being ‘in class.’</p>
<p>(Zero) 0</p>	<p>Absent – no call / no show. Fails to turn in assignment. Does not follow assignment. Does not take assignment seriously. Distracts others or interrupts activity during class engagements, is rude, malicious, bullying, etc. On phone the entire class.</p>

Course Materials:

All students will need the following materials for Borger’s English courses:

1. **A single subject notebook to leave in class for Borg to grade - no, you cannot use a multi-subject notebook that also has your math and science in it. This is one you'll leave in class.**
2. A pen/pencil to write with.
3. Your charged up Google Chromebook.