

Mr. Flynn Expectations – 4A

In order to be ready for next year, you need to be able to:

1. Manage your time effectively
2. Read both fiction and non-fiction independently
3. Write a variety of essays for a variety of subjects
4. Present a variety of information clearly and accurately

My goal for this year is to provide you with the strategies you need to succeed at each of the above four categories.

I will show you how to use information that is already available to you to help you to achieve these goals. My expectation is that, by the end of the year, you are able to do each of these four things. Different strategies work for different people, so I will show you different ways to achieve those goals.

Occasionally, especially in the beginning of the year, I may ask you to do something that seems very easy. For example, in order to write an effective essay, you need to know how to write a thesis statement. I expect that you already know how to write a thesis statement, but I need to see that you know. Once you show me you know the basics of writing an essay, we can focus on how to take your essays from good to great.

Reading Checks / Quizzes / Tests

Reading checks are to ensure that people do the assigned out-of-class reading. They are worth ten points and can be conducted in a variety of ways. My goal for these is simply to ensure that you have been reading.

Quizzes are 33 points (occasionally 66). It will be on material that has been discussed in class, and you will always have had a chance to ask questions if you didn't understand the material.

Tests are 100 points and are an assessment of a work of literature or several shorter works of literature. As will quizzes, you will have had opportunities to ask questions if you do not understand something

If you are assigned reading outside of class, you should be prepared for a reading check, though you will not have one every time. Quizzes and Tests will not be unannounced.