

Reality Literature Course Overview

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“Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted. And experience is often the most valuable thing you have to offer.” —Randy Pausch

Description In Reality Literature, we will take a look at several works of literary nonfiction: *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch, *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls, and *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich. We will also read a variety of articles about issues in society, and write several personal narratives and argumentative essays.

Class Rules

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Kind

Availability I am usually at school every day by 7:00. I am also available by appointment during all 3 lunches, and I often stay after school until at least 3:00. The best way to arrange a meeting is via email.

Materials *Show up daily, on time, and ready with:* a composition or spiral notebook, a 3 pronged folder or binder just for this class, an independent reading book, a pen or pencil, and highlighters.

Grading

- Grades will fall into three categories:
 - Formative (practice): Classwork, homework, discussions, rough drafts, etc.
 - Summative (assessments): Tests, “final” drafts of essays, and major projects
 - Work Ethic: Respect, Responsibility, Productivity, and Attention to Detail
- Extra credit is not available. Instead, tests, projects, and essays can be revised and resubmitted after a conference and/or additional practice.
- Standard grading percentages for the school apply.

Make-Up Work

- Work for excused absences can be submitted by an agreed upon date. Missing work is your responsibility. You can get missing work from our Google Classroom site.
- Late work will be accepted within reason. **Late work will not be accepted during the last week of the card marking. Late work will not be penalized, but will affect your work ethic grade.**

Attendance All school policies apply!

Electronics Stop Light Symbol:

- Red=Phones should not be seen or heard
- Green=Phones allowed for school related purposes

Those who cannot manage their devices will be asked to give them up for the hour.

Final Thoughts We are all in this together, and we each have the opportunity to make this a great class. I am here to help and support you through this semester. This class is like anything in life: the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it!

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