

HUMANITIES

2016-2017

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Oldham County High School - Room 166

Course Description

The OCHS Humanities course is designed for Sophomore high school students, although Freshmen, Juniors and Seniors may be enrolled in the course. In this class, students will study **how society expresses itself through art**. Various art

forms will be analyzed, including: visual arts; theater; dance; music; and literature. The continuing theme throughout the year will be "The Purpose of Life: how people/ societies explore the meaning of life and how their various answers are expressed through art." In other words, what can we learn about people throughout time just by exploring their art and what can we convey about ourselves through our own artistic endeavors?

This class will prepare students for advanced and/or college level Humanities courses not only in academic content but also by teaching students what to expect and how to take on responsibility for their own success.

Learning in the 21st Century

Students in this class will specifically be prepared for 21stC skills by learning how to use a tablet in an educational/professional setting.

Each student in this class will be allowed use of a Chromebook during class time (please see Chromebook Usage Agreement). The use of the Chromebook and relevant apps will allow the instructor to expose students to research, collaboration, technology and creative thinking skills that will certainly help prepare them for the college classroom or job market of the 21stC.

The use of the Chromebook has enabled the instructor to create a nearly "paperless" environment. This means each student will need access to a computer and the Internet outside of class time. Ample time will be allowed in order for students to plan to use the OCHS library or local public library if this access is not available from home.



Contact Info

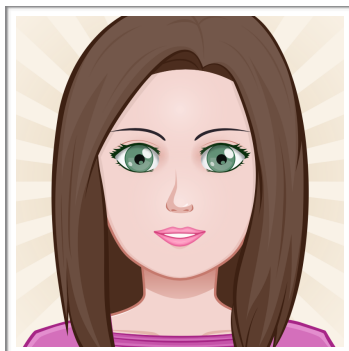
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RESPECT

Respect Mrs. Girardin
Respect Each Other
Respect Yourself

Active Effort

Students who actively participate in class will remember more information and tend to have greater academic success than students who do not. It is easy to be distracted while using Chromebooks in class. The instructor will monitor usage, however **it is ultimately the student's responsibility to stay on-task!**

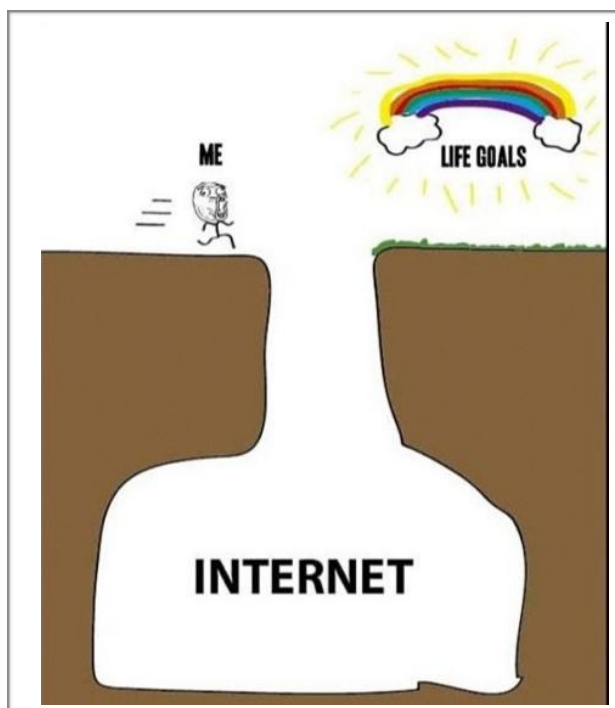
The instructor assumes students do not have any prior knowledge of Humanities nor any artistic ability, however, best effort *MUST* be shown on *ALL* assignments.

Required Materials

- Chromebook (*property of OCHS and must be returned daily after use*)
- Relevant Apps/Extensions (*property of OCHS and must be used in accordance with GAFE account restrictions*)
- Headphones or Earbuds
- A GAFE account and other various accounts that will be associated with your GAFE account
- Composition Notebook
- Knitting Needles/Crochet Hook
- One skein of yarn

Required apps and accounts will ALWAYS be free, however, they may not be designed for use solely within the educational community. If the student or parent/guardian wishes for on-line anonymity, the student, please contact the instructor. Students are always discouraged from submitting any personal information online.

ALL resources, assignments and materials are accessible from **ANY** computer/device with Internet access.



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Grading Scale

Grades will be determined by the composite work of the entire school year. Grades will be divided into the following categories: **class work/homework (25%); tests and quizzes (30%); projects (40%); and participation (5%)**. It is the responsibility of the student and his/her parent/guardian to monitor grades via Infinite Campus. The year's final exam/project will compose 10% of the final grade. Grades at 0.5 and above will be rounded to the next whole number

Homework

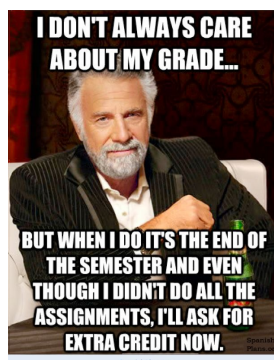
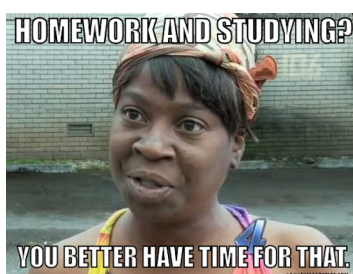
Homework is a very integral and necessary part of any course. Although specific homework assignments may not technically be assigned every night, ongoing assignments will be considered the student's responsibility and students will be encouraged to do work in a well-planned and timely manner.

Extra Credit

All regular assignments must be submitted and graded for a student to be eligible for extra credit assignments. Extra credit will be assigned individually by the instructor.

Late Work

Late class work will **not** be accepted. Students may turn in homework up to **one week LATE**, however zeros will be entered into the grade book the day after a due date. Homework later than one week will **only** be accepted with a **parent/guardian note**.



Make Up Work

It is likely that a student will miss some class time throughout the year so all materials and assignments are accessible on the instructor's website: www.ochsmrsg.weebly.com. A calendar is also accessible on this site and will be updated daily.

In the case of missed class time, the student is responsible for checking the site (and meeting with the instructor for clarification, if needed).

In the event of an extended absence, 3 or more days in one week, alternative due dates may be discussed with the instructor. For one or two absences in one week, make up work must be turned in within one week of the student's return or it will only be accepted with a parent/guardian note.

Students with Learning Difficulties

Students with learning difficulties will have accommodations provided for them in the classroom whenever possible. The instructor will work with the student to arrange accommodations for extended time testing when needed. It is the student's responsibility to take an active role in working with the instructor for additional accommodations.