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WELCOME!

AR Writing 1 & 2, at Pattison High School offers **YOU**/students instruction on communicating your ideas effectively, through writing. Learners will explore various forms and styles of writing, such as **Formal and Informal pieces**, writing **Book, Movie** and **Travel Reviews**, writing **Reports, Blogs, Letters** and more. Improving our writing and reading skills can be an exciting adventure!

The **Parts of Speech, Phrases, Words that go together, Punctuation, Sentence Structure, Paragraph Writing and Grammar** will be studied. In **AR Writing 1 & 2**, we will aim to write interpretively, critically, creatively (in reports, critiques, prose, poetry, Haiku, etc.), as well as factually (in true stories or for research/historical purposes).

In **AR Writing 1 & 2**, our goal is to recognize that words can be powerful tools, which are part of our personal toolboxes, with which we can better equip ourselves to more effectively express our ideas and improve our communication with others. Learners will be guided and challenged to link ideas, expand upon details, using stimulating literary sources and articles of interest, during the writing process. Completing **AR Writing 1 & 2** will provide students with a solid foundation in writing, that they will be able to build upon in **AR Writing 3 & 4** and beyond...

YOU/students will learn, practice and apply the following skills in class:

- Speaking & listening effectively
- Reading & writing with focus
- Effective question & answer formation
- Giving opinions, using your imagination & creative thought
- Expanding your vocabulary & understanding both formal & casual forms of expressions - from everyday life!

Materials required to bring to class *EACH* day:

1. Lined paper
2. A Binder with dividers to help organize your work and notes
3. Blue/black pens, red pens, pencils and at least 2 highlighters
4. An English-to-English dictionary, cell phone and a **positive** attitude.

Expectations

1. Attend each class and be on time. If you are more than 15 minutes late or leave 30 minutes before the end of class, this is considered an absence.
2. Please notify me in advance if you must be absent.
3. If you are sick, you **must** provide a note signed by your *parent/guardian*. If you are absent on a test or presentation day, you **must** provide a *doctor's note*. **<If you do not have this note, you will receive a ZERO on the test/presentation/assignment.>**
4. Talk to another student for missed notes or come see me before class the next day, for any handouts you may have missed.
5. Speak **only** *English* in class and in the school – this helps you learn faster and will improve your chances of success. Only use your first language if you are helping to translate a word or instructions to students who may need assistance - when the teacher asks you.
6. **Cheating will not be tolerated** and copying other student's answers or plagiarizing will result in serious consequences. You will receive a ZERO and your parent/guardian will be notified.

Classroom Conduct

- Always be respectful toward your classmates and others in PHS.
- Study & work hard – you'll see results!
- Try to help others who may be struggling.
- Always participate!

What is “Participation”?

Show your **BEST** effort. Be respectful. Be prepared and on time and submit your assignments on the due date. Express yourself in class discussions. Work well on your own and try to work well with others. Writing also involves communication with others in class. Ask for help when you need it and don't be afraid to ask questions. **Questions are good!** Have an open mind to new ideas and unique topics for discussion. Have a good attitude.

NOTE:

Changes in level *may* occur mid-term, depending on individual student understanding and progress. For example, if a Level 1 student is achieving high marks in the first part of the semester and does well on the Mid-Term Test, he/she will spend the second half of the term as a Level 2 students. A passing Level 1 grade ensures that a student is ready for Level 2, but does **not** necessarily mean that he/she has the skills to move out of **AR Writing 1 & 2**. **<Students need to achieve a passing grade on a Level 2 Final Exam in order to move into a Level 3 Writing class the following semester.>**

Course Evaluation

30% - Tests, quizzes & class work

25% - Projects & Assignments

5% - Class participation & effort

10% - Homework

15% - Midterm

15% - Final

Need more help? **SURE!**

Talk to your classmates, ask **LOTS** of questions in class and/or come see me after school. Remember, it's always better to ask questions early than wait until the last minute. *I'm always **happy to help!***