

La Salle Academy Curriculum & Policies

Jr. High Grade 6-7-8 Literature

Teacher: Mrs. Nicole Andres

My Perspective Textbook

The Diocesean chosen Literature textbook is Savvas's *My Perspective*. This text functions as a workbook as well. Because the students are required to bring this large and rather flimsy textbook to every class, I will be sectioning out the book to ease the amount of materials they carry from place to place. Not only will this lighten their load, but it will also allow them to focus on the correct pages for homework and test prep purposes. These sections, that I myself will compile and will be placed in a folder with prongs, are needed with a notebook and writing utensil for every class. These folders with the reading material inside will be our main learning tool during literature class.

Behavior Expectations

I expect every student to be respectful to myself, their classmates, and any other professional who may enter our classroom. I will follow the rules and expectations as contained in the Diocesan Handbook and the La Salle Academy Behavior Code which was sent home the first day of school. We walk with Jesus when we show kindness, respect, and empathy.

Homework Expectations

Homework is assigned to reinforce class discussions and completed class assignments. It may consist of written work, studying, or research that will be posted on Google Classroom. Homework can be completed as directed: on loose leaf, in their notebooks, or on Google Classroom. Failure to complete an assignment will result in a zero for that grade. The homework grade for each quarter consists of **20%** of the final subject grade.

Classwork Expectations

Students are required to be prepared for class every day. They must have their folders with literature pages intact, notebooks, assignments, planners, and a pen/pencil to class every day. A Level 1 Demerit may be given to students who are continuously unprepared for class because it prohibits learning and is a distraction.

Class participation is encouraged within my classroom. The more engaged the students are in class discussion, the more they will retain. I expect students to be paying attention, answering and asking questions, copying notes, and correcting homework. Any class assignment completed can be collected and counted toward their classwork grade. The Literature notebook will also consist of a classwork grade. Students will be required to follow my format and direction to keep a notebook where information can be easily found. Classwork will count as **10%** of the students' final grade.

Tests

A majority of the literature tests will be in paper or project form. Students will receive a rubric that qualifies a project or a paper as a test grade. All tests will count as **40%** of the students' final grade. If a test or assignment is missed due to absence, the student is required to complete it when he or she returns to school. It is the student's responsibility to inform me and to schedule a time when they can make up that test. Quizzes, both announced and unannounced, will be worth 30% of the final grade.

The summer reading tests will be completed in class after a short review of the books students read over the summer. Dates will be posted on Google Classroom once the review is complete.

Expectations for Absent Students

If a student misses school, he or she is required to complete my missing work that was posted on Google Classroom. If the student does not have the correct books at home, the work can be turned in past the date it was due. No points will be taken off because it was late due to your absence. If the work is not made up within one week upon return to school, the student will receive a 0% for the missing assignments and possibly a demerit if there are 3 or more assignments missing.

I appreciate your support and cooperation. I am looking forward to working with each student! Let's have a great year and make Dr. Pavese proud!! If you have any questions feel free to

email me at:

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Thank you,

Mrs. Nicole Andres

