

Syllabus: Ms. Atlas
Reading
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Pompano Beach High School

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Course overview: This course covers reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar, and general English skills. Various literary genres and concepts will be covered. Students will be prepared to become active readers and will be taught skills and strategies to help improve reading comprehension. College preparatory skills, especially vocabulary study, will also be highlighted.

Textbook: Our primary text is *Edge*, Level C (National Geographic and Cengage Learning). Auxiliary materials include: *Ten Steps to Improving College Reading Skills* (Townsend Press), *Impact* (Principle Woods, Inc.), and SAT/ACT preparation materials.

Evaluation: Assessment will be made through classwork, homework, tests, projects, essays, and daily language activities.

Course grades:	90-100	A
	80-89	B
	70-79	C
	60-69	D
	59 and below	F

Make-up policy: If you are absent or tardy, it is YOUR responsibility to make up what you miss. This includes all notes, assignments, quizzes, and tests. You will have two days *after* your return to turn in work. Students should plan to allow time after school to make up tests. You will receive a zero for any work that is not made up. You should have the phone number of at least one person in class to get your make-up work.

Academic honesty: Integrity is a vital part of the learning process, of individual dignity, and of one's sense of self-worth. Academic integrity is expected in this class and in this school. Students should understand that cheating consists of:

- having a cheat sheet
- copying from another student's test or homework assignment
- talking during a test or quiz
- plagiarism
- texting during a test or quiz
- using a phone during a test, quiz, or assignment
- downloading information from the internet during a test or quiz

The consequence for cheating will be to notify parents and administrators. The student will receive a grade of zero with no opportunity to make up the work.

Pompano Beach High School prides itself on preparing students for the rigors of college. It is therefore imperative that students do their work so that they learn content accurately. The faculty expects academic integrity; therefore, students must abide by the PBHS Honor Code when they complete assignments, tests, quizzes, projects, and all other work, both in class and out.

Think BEFORE you speak.



Anti-Bullying Policy: The School Board of Broward County prohibits bullying and harassment by anyone and to anyone. The policy defines bullying as: “. . . systematically and chronically inflicting physical or psychological distress on one or more students or employees. It is further defined as: unwanted and purposeful written, verbal, nonverbal, or physical behavior, including but not limited to any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gestures, by an adult or students, that has the potential to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment or cause long term damage, cause discomfort or humiliation; or reasonably interfere with the individual’s school performance or participation is carried out repeatedly and is often characterized by an imbalance of power.” Any incidents of bullying will be reported.

General: Students who attend class, participate, and complete their work will have an excellent chance of doing well in this class. However, if a student is in danger of failing:

1. Teachers will call parents when a student’s grade average falls below 65%.
2. An interim will be issued if the student has an average of 65% or below.
3. Teachers will call parents if the student has failed a marking period.
4. School counselors will schedule a conference with the student, parent, teacher, and counselor.

Participation: All students are expected to be attentive and to participate. You will be given a participation grade. Putting your head down in class will cause you to lose participation points. During silent reading time, you are expected to spend the time reading acceptable material, which you should bring from home or the library. Not reading during this time will also cause you to lose points in this area.

Classroom rules:

1. Be prepared.
2. Be on time, with supplies, assignments, and an alert learning attitude.
3. Be respectful to yourself and others.
4. Follow directions.
5. Use the bathroom between classes, not during class time.

Supplies:

- Hardcover, one-inch binder
- One set of dividers (label: Literature, Vocabulary, Notes, Classwork, Grammar)
- Looseleaf paper NOT a spiral-bound notebook
- Blue or black pen
- Pen of a different color other than blue or black
- Index cards (one set of 3”x 5”)
- Sticky Notes (3” x 3” and 1 3/8” x 1 7/8”)
- Highlighters