

Grading Guidelines

Literature Study Guides

If you earn an NC (not complete), you must turn in the completed lesson in full sentences by Monday. You will only receive partial credit for the assignment. If you do not turn in the lesson by Monday, you will receive 0 points. Even though you have now earned 0 points, you still must turn in the lesson, or a detention will be issued. If you are absent, the study guide is due the next day you are in class.

Essays/Compositions

Because we enter many local and national contests, many of our deadlines are set by organizations and companies. Academics come before extra-curricular clubs and teams at Gilbert Christian School, so that means you will have to work extra hard if you miss English due to games, performances, field trips, etc.

If you are absent from composition for any reason, you must make up the work. The best way to handle a situation where you know you are going to be absent is to find out what you're going to miss before hand and make it up ahead of time. The second way is to arrive at school the day of your absence and strive to do two days of work in one day. If you find yourself behind after you have been to English class, you must make up the work after school. It will be due on the next composition day. There are often "cushions" built into essays where you can regain your ground. Take advantage of these when it is allowable. The teacher will let you know if you are getting too far behind due to absences and if you fail to act on your behalf after this warning, you will lose points.

If you are present in class and do not meet a goal in English for the day, you must complete it as homework and you will lose points. If the teacher is too busy to grade your work, she will mark your check sheet with a VIP. That means you will be first the next day and no points are deducted. Leaving without checking in with the teacher (not getting a VIP OR taking a deduction) will be grounds for detention and additional point deductions.

Each essay is worth approximately 100 points. If you pay attention during class discussions, make the changes I ask you to make, and have a respectful attitude as I give you feedback, it is very possible to earn an A. Due to time constraints and late work, almost everyone loses a few points on each essay. It is possible to be late once or twice and still earn an A. We are trying to teach you to write quickly and be responsible, not punish you for being involved in extra curricular activities.

Book Reports

Book report deadlines are published in advance.