

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why do I have to buy novels for your class?

Students purchase the novels so they can read them at home. It is also important that students learn to highlight and annotate text.

2. Do you offer tutorials?

I tutor after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students who don't perform well on benchmark tests are assigned tutorials. However, should other students need assistance they can stop by too.

3. Why do students need rubber cement for your class?

Two of the major projects are interactive journals. I've discovered that rubber cement works best for these assignments. Glue sticks don't hold and glue is too wet and crinkles the pages.

4. Do you give homework?

*I believe that students need to read **every** night. Often homework I assign is reading and text coding. Each novel requires a major project. I do give some class time to work on these projects, but the majority of the work is completed at home.*

5. How do absent students receive makeup work?

I have a folder for each class and assignments students missed are written down and placed in the folder. It is the student's responsibility to check the folder and complete assignments. Students are given two days for each absence to complete the work.

6. Do you offer extra credit?

Extra credit is for students who complete assignments, but are unhappy with their grade. Students who do not do their work and try to improve their grade at the last minute are not eligible for extra credit. At any time, students wishing to improve their grade may choose a book that I approve, read it and complete a book report form.

7. What is your grading policy?

I give a participation and a binder grade each six weeks. Projects and Tests count at least twice. All class work and homework counts once.

8. Why is my child up so late doing homework?

If your child is up late doing homework it is most likely because they procrastinated. Students are given plenty of time to complete assignments. Often my work is given over several weeks. Students are given a time table when they should complete parts of the task. However, if they get behind it is hard to get back on track.

9. Why do students need a separate binder for your class?

Every reading teacher at Burbank requires a binder with the same five sections. It is important that students develop organizational skills and we have found that this is the best way to monitor their organization.

10. What happens when students lose their InterActive Reader?

It is each student's responsibility to keep up with their materials. I do not keep their materials in my classroom. Students who lose their InterActive Readers will be required to purchase another one for \$5.00.