

Mr. Broviak – English - HERDES – 7th Grade

HOMEWORK – All of the homework for my class should be kept in one of two places: in their English Notebook or in their English Folder. I am trying to *teach* and *stress* responsibility and organization along with all of the excitement that goes into English.

The English folder is to be maintained by the student for keeping ALL tests, quizzes and handouts when returned.

The Notebook is what will reinforce responsibility and organization. All homework is to be kept in the notebook and will all be graded at one time (each quarter). My students must keep the notebook organized and legible and all the homework must be accounted for within the book.

TESTS AND QUIZZES – Major tests will be given at the end of each main literary unit (poetry, short stories, mythology, fables, and novel units).

Quizzes are a regular part of the class and will be used to assess the attainment of content goals. Quizzes generally cover classroom discussions. Students are given a minimum of two days notice of any tests. Advance notice may or may not be given for quizzes. Students are always instructed to keep all class materials.

MY WEB SITE

Please use my website as much as possible. It is www.MrBroviak.com. I will have copies of our assignments and the weekly calendar on there, plus any other relevant class information that I think will benefit the kids.

REMIND APP

There is a great service out there called “REMIND” that I use with class. It allows me to send out “reminder texts” to anyone who signs up for it. I use this in class to send out reminders the night before homework is due or before we have a major test. It helps with that whole “getting distracted and forgetting thing” that occurs with teenagers (and most other humans).

To sign up using a mobile phone without the app, just text the number **81010** with the message @BROV. That “activates” the phone for my class and allows the user to get updates. I will be making use of this most weeks.

MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL

I record my class daily and post it to YouTube. Kids are EXPECTED to watch the recorded class for any day they are ABSENT. I have a “page” that you can subscribe to make it easier to get the newest ones (<http://www.youtube.com/user/kaivorb>), or you can just browse by “brovicast”, “kaivorb” or “Broviak”. I always post the video with the 6 digit date (an example for Sept 13th would be 091317 and then a description of the lesson plan). Kids are expected to watch the videos when they are absent, as they will be responsible for anything that is covered on the days they are gone. If they come in and ask me what they missed, my answer is the same – watch the podcast. Covers everything that way.

Mr. Broviak's THINGS TO KNOW!

****Posting Grades** – I post students' current grades on a weekly basis. The grades are found by using the student ID number and are posted under my giant flag. They are updated every Monday. Your child will ALWAYS know what their grade is in English. No mid-term or report card grade is EVER a surprise in here.

****Weekly Calendar** – I post a weekly calendar in my room so that students will always know what is coming up in the week. They can know ahead of time what will be covered that week, and if any test or quizzes are coming. They can also use the calendar to check for missing homework or assignments. (ALSO ON MY WEBSITE!)

****B points** – Students have additional chances to make mistakes in my room by opting to use what I have called Behavior Points (or B Points). Each student gets a fresh set of FIFTEEN B Points to start each nine weeks. Once all the B points are used up, then EVERY additional “mistake” will result in a consequence. Students may earn additional B points for good actions in class. There is a chart on my wall explaining how to use the B points.

If you need to contact me, please feel free to contact me here at school at (317) 594-4150. Or you can email me at dbroviak@hse.k12.in.us. I will always try to get back to you, using either method, within a day