Alt Ed Classroom

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Course Description

Welcome to the Alt Ed Classroom! You are in this class to work on a variety of courses, and your classmates may be working on something completely different. You are all working at your own pace.
A few guidelines will help our classroom work smoothly and allow all students to be successful.

In this course, your marks will start at 0% and increase as units and tests are completed.

Academic Integrity

All work in this class is expected to be your own, completed by you for this class. If you receive help from an article, book, website, another person, etc., you must indicate that on the assignment. This is called citing your sources. When you take credit for someone else's work, it is plagiarism. If you are ever unsure about whether you have correctly given credit to a source, please ask, and I will help you.

Policy on AI Usage

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI and AI) are becoming increasingly common in our world. In all English courses, the goal is to teach students how to think critically and explore the world beyond themselves through a variety of lenses. This exploration uses a variety of texts and formats and often includes process based work as an assessment.
Due to the capabilities of AI to assist with producing written work, the following is the policy on AI use in the English department at SVRSS:

- ·Any use of AI should be evaluated for bias, clarity and correctness of information.
- ·AI is not to replace your independent work. Assignments will reflect your own thoughts, understandings and connections. Any submitted work that is not your own (plagiarized or use of AI) will result in a mark of zero.
- ·Any use of AI for assistance with assignments must be properly documented.
  - AI use for idea generation must be cited and a link provided to the conversation.
  - AI use for refinement and polishing of written work must be cited, and original text input must be included with the final submission.

If a student is suspected of using AI for assignment completion, a meeting will be held with the teacher and/or administration, and a plan will be made.

Digital Citizenship & Cell Phones

According to the Digital Citizenship Policy 203 and Cell Phone Use Policy 230,
     "**Students [in Senior Years & Post-Secondary] are banned from using personal devices during class time** unless directed by the teacher for an education activity. Swan Valley School Division is committed to equitable access to all learning activities by students, so Divisional ICT devices will always be the first option provided to students."
     "The SVSD is not responsible for loss/theft/damages incurred to personal ICT devices including physical or data damage."

Electronic Device Classroom Policy:
- **Respectful use:** Personal devices (phones, laptops, smart watches, e-readers, tablets, etc.) should be on silent & either in your locker or placed in the classroom's designated safe area at the start of class; headphones/air pods/ear buds must be removed as well
- **During absences:** When leaving the classroom for any reason, devices are to be left behind, ensuring they don't become a distraction
- **Classroom resources:** You'll have access to school-issued devices to help with any activities or assignments during class

Remember this!

Be confident!   Be curious!   Be persistent!   Be engaged!