**Class Expectations for Ms. Vedovatti’s ELA class**

**Be Safe!**

* Be aware of others around you.
	+ Give everyone the space they need to move safely in the classroom.
* Before you speak, think to yourself “Is it kind? Is it honest? Is it necessary?”
	+ This allows others around you to feel safe and know that you are a person of integrity.



**Be Responsible!**

* Be Prepared.
	+ Have your composition book, home-to-school folder with completed work, charged Chromebook and writing utensil.
	+ Come with an open and ready mind.
* Be in charge.
	+ How much you commit yourself to learning will yield results. Problem-solve, put in effort, help others, and ask for help. Practice integrity for yourself; if you practice being your best self, that is what you will become.
	+ Communicate any problems, concerns, or questions that you have with me. It’s your responsibility to have an open communication with me so that I can be the best possible teacher for you.



**Be Respectful!**

* Be kind.
	+ You never know what another person is going through.
	+ Be inclusive and understanding.
* Have a positive attitude.
	+ Your attitude is powerful, so be open to new interactive activities and ideas.
* Please care for our school, each classroom, the hallways, and all materials.
	+ How you treat others and your surroundings tells us a lot about your integrity.



**Be a Learner!**

* Participate and have fun.
	+ ELA is not a spectator sport, and there will be no watching from the sidelines! So, join the party and enjoy being here.
	+ Please don’t crash the party by having side conversations or distracting the class.
* Take charge of your learning.
	+ Redo tests or quizzes if they don’t reflect your best efforts.
	+ Help me help you and signal when I am unclear, or if you or your classmates don’t understand.
* The goal is to learn and grow.
	+ Take advantage of opportunities to redo work. We learn the most from our mistakes.



 **Grading!**

Your grade consists of 4 elements:

* **Homework & class work**
	+ Be sure to turn it in on time.
	+ Late work gets graded last (at the teacher’s convenience) and may not earn full credit.
	+ All late work must be turned in prior to the end of the current unit.
	+ Put forth your best effort!
	+ Take advantage of the opportunities to redo work. This allows for your own growth and learning!
* **Project/Papers/Presentations**
	+ These will take planning and extra time, so they are typically worth more points than homework and classwork.
	+ You lose a letter grade for each day that these are late, so the goal should always be to get them turned in/completed on time.
* **Quizzes & Tests**
	+ Because learning is the goal, there may be opportunities to retake some of the quizzes and tests. You will know if that is an option prior to taking the quiz/test.
	+ Sometimes you will be allowed to use your notes in your notebook, so make sure your notes are thorough and clear.
* **CAPE** (Citizenship, Attitude, Participation, and Effort).
	+ Working hard, trying your best, and being a good person matter in this class.