

WEST HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

**SUBJECT:** American Dream                      **TELEPHONE:** (310) 533-4299 x7835  
**TEACHER:** Ms. Cunningham            **E-mail:**

**I.        MAJOR COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will read novels, non-fiction, short stories, plays, and poetry that explore the motif of The American Dream. They will focus on literary devices and conventions, analysis, and will relate themes of Literature to their lives. Works to be studied in-depth include: *A Raisin in the Sun* and *Huckleberry Finn*.

Students will write analytical, expository and informal essays. They will complete projects and presentations based on various types of research.

Students will demonstrate through their writing and discussion, their ability to think critically and exercise new avenues of thought.

**II.       STUDENT CONDUCT IN CLASS:**

Regular attendance, punctuality, participation, and courtesy in class are expected.

**III.      HOMEWORK POLICY:**

1. Students should expect to have homework each day. Class time is insufficient to complete the coursework.
2. Homework must be turned in the day it is due. **Late work will not be accepted.**
3. All homework must be typewritten or written legibly.
4. If a student is absent, it is **the student's responsibility** to check the classroom folder for missed assignments, or schoolnotes.com.

**IV.      TESTS AND QUIZZES:**

We will write every day in class; the more a person writes, the easier it becomes. Writing is a process that requires practice. Periodic tests and quizzes will be given, with or without notice. It is the student's responsibility to arrange a make-up test time with the Instructor.

**If a student is caught cheating on any assignment, the student will receive no credit and will be subject to further disciplinary action.**

**V.       MAKE-UP POLICY:**

1. Since much of the class work involves student participation, make-up work is often difficult.
2. It is the student's responsibility to collect missed assignments, and clarify directions with the Instructor.
3. If you know you will be absent, arrange to turn an assignment early, or have it turned in at the office.

**VI.      GRADING POLICY:**

1. Points are given daily for homework assignments, essays, tests, and projects.
2. Grades are based on the number of points earned.
3. Students will log their grades every week so they can keep track of their grade.
4. Grades are updated regularly on Zangle.

**VII.     TEXTBOOKS AND CLASS MATERIALS:**

Each day, unless otherwise instructed, the student is to bring the following materials to class:

- a. Composition folder (due by Monday)
- b. A writing implement

c. Required text and/or supplementary books that are being used  
If the student must leave class to retrieve class materials, the student will receive a tardy for the day. Students receiving four or more tardies per quarter will be assigned a Citizenship grade of "U". Any student with six or more tardies will receive a "U" and be assigned Saturday School, or further disciplinary action.

**VIII. INSTRUCTOR'S NOTATION:**

I am available outside of class time for students who desire additional help. It is the responsibility of the student to contact me and arrange a schedule.  
I enforce the school's policy on tardiness and truancy. All students are to be in their seats, quiet, and ready to work when the bell rings. Students will remain seated until they are excused.  
Satisfactory citizenship is expected at all times.

**I encourage parents to contact me if they have any questions or concerns. I can be reached through West High's voicemail system at (310) 533-4299 x7835, or via e-mail at \_\_\_\_\_.  
Parents may check our daily assignments at [schoolnotes.com](http://schoolnotes.com).**

Important Dates & Holidays: 11/11/09, 11/25-11/27, 12/21/09-1/4/10  
End of Quarter: 11/13  
End of Semester: 1/29

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I have read the Classroom Expectations and I accept the responsibility for meeting these expectations.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ms. Cunningham*

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