**Taking Notes - English - Mr. DeGeer**

Class Notes, Vocabulary Notes, Reading Notes, & Discussion Notes

**Class Notes** - each day write down the date at the top of the page - write down any notes that are on the board, homework assignments, due dates, class assignments for that day, lecture notes, teacher comments. Keep an ongoing set of class notes throughout the school year so that you can find valuable class information when you need it. 5 points

**Vocabulary Notes** - copy notes directly from class website - word, part of speech, definition, synonyms, sentence examples, one original sentence. 5 points

Class Notes and Vocabulary Notes will be checked each week for points.

**Reading Notes** - Divide up paper into 6 sections (includes the front and back - 3 on each side) Use the hole punch marks to help equally divide the paper. Write pre-discussion questions or ***Socratic Circle Points*** on ⅔ of the page (front and back). In these sections you are going to, and quotes from the text that relate to the discussion points and an explanation accompanying each quote explaining how it relates to the discussion point. Make sure to write the page numbers that go with the quotes. You should also write down thoughts and ideas that you have about the discussion points that will help you in the class discussion. Use the bottom ⅓ of the front page to write at least 2 critical thinking or out of the box type questions that you have about the reading. In this section you should also write a theme or main idea that the author conveys in the section. Use the bottom ⅓ of the back page to write a summary (minimum of 5 sentences) of the chapter/reading. 6 points per Discussion Point section - quotes and explanation (4 minimum), 5 points for the summary (5 sentences minimum), and 5 points for the section with the two critical thinking questions (1 point each) and theme (3 points) from the section for a total of 34 points for the overall assignment.

**Socratic Circle Discussion Notes** – The Socratic Circle Class Discussion is a chance for students to discuss the ideas from the reading section. The discussion is based off of their Reading Notes that they took during the section. Students receive 20 points for making at least 2 comments during the main discussion or the Inner Circle, about the discussion point from the Reading Notes. Inner Circle comments need to address the discussion point and add to the overall class discussion. Students will receive 5-10 points for participating and sharing their thoughts and feelings about Inner Circle discussion once it has concluded. Students will also receive 5-10 points for the notes that they take in the Outer Circle. Outer Circle Notes - Divide up paper into 3 sections. Use the hole punch marks to help equally divide the paper. Write one of the outer circle questions in one of the three spots. Questions: What comments and ideas did you like from the Inner Circle discussion and why? What comments or ideas did you disagree with and why? What would you have included to the discussion? These notes are added to the Participation Points for the Socratic Circle Class Discussion.

Reading Notes and Discussion Notes will be collected and scored after each Socratic Circle Class Discussion.