Policies for French 3

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**Vue d’ensemble:** This course will be centered on reading short books which are based on classics of French literature. In addition to reading, discussing and writing about these books, there will be lessons and assignments based on French grammar. Students will be asked to make presentations about the work being covered on a regular basis, and to take part in discussing the presentations of others. It is expected that only French will be used in the classroom.

**La Première Règle:** **All assignments which require a written response, whether homework, bellwork, ticket-out-the-door, exams, or any other assignment, must be completed using complete sentences in French, unless instructions specifically state otherwise.** The absence of a reminder of this rule in no way eliminates the rule regardless of how many previous reminders have been given.

**Examens:** There will be an exam at the end of each unit, a unit being defined as the completion of one book. To the extent possible, these exams will be given on Tuesday of a block week. The exam will focus on the material covered in the unit, but as learning a foreign language is a cumulative process, there will always be certain vocabulary and grammar from previous courses and lessons needed for successful completion of the exam. Unit exams will be worth 1000 points. There will be a cumulative final exam at the end of the semester which will be worth 2000 points. If you are absent from an exam, a day for a make-up will be arranged.

**La Classe**: It is strongly recommended that each student have a binder or a section of a binder dedicated to this class. Although the work covered in class will primarily concern the books mentioned above, there will be work introduced by the instructor which is not there, including but not limited to grammar lessons and commentary on presentations. This information should be considered to be as important as that found in the books. Students should adopt a board = paper attitude towards this work as it is important for progress as a learner of French and as such could be used as the basis of questions on a test.

**Devoirs / Travail de cloche / Billet de sortie:** Homework (devoirs) will be assigned every class period, and will be turned in at the start of the following class period. Bellwork (travail de cloche) will be done at the start of each period, and a “ticket out the door” (billet de sortie) will be done at the end of the period. The form with the completed billet, travail (BT) will be handed in at the conclusion of each class period and will be returned at the start of the next. Each day’s Homework will be worth 40 points and the bellwork and ticket out the door will be worth a combined 10 points. As such, weekly HBT points will be determined by the number of class periods for which HBT work is assigned. There will be no HBT due on days when an exam is given.

The assigned HBT for each class period and the PowerPoint which formed the basis of the day’s lesson will be posted at www.MonsieurGerson.com. Students who miss class should find out what was covered during their absence by checking the website, contacting M. Gerson, or contacting a classmate. ALL HBT ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE MADE UP FOLLOWING ABSENCE.

**Autres projets**: Other projects will be assigned during the semester and will have points assigned which reflect the effort which is required to successfully accomplish the work.

**Notes:** There is no weighting of grades with regard to the nature of the assignment. Ten points received as a result of taking an exam are the same as ten points obtained for homework. The final course grade will be determined by the percentage of points earned with regard to possible points. Any missing assignments will be noted as missing in the grade book. Students will be responsible for making up any missing assignments within the time frame specified by M. Gerson. A missing grade which is not made-up will become a zero at the end of the designated period.

**Laissez-passer de Justin:** Each student will be given five “laissez-passer” at the start of the semester. In order to take the pass from the Justin bowl and leave class during the period, it will be necessary to place a laissez-passer in the bowl. If you no longer have a laissez-passer, you may no longer leave class during the period. If there is a legitimate reason which makes it necessary for you to leave the room frequently, please speak to M. Gerson about obtaining extra permits.

**Points de participation:** Everyone will start the semester with 400 participation points. These points will be added to the student’s grade on the last day of the semester. Participation points will be lost as a result of conduct which is detrimental to the functioning of class. Examples of such conduct include, but are not limited to:

* Not handing in the HBT form each day.
* Being disruptive during class, which includes but is not limited to, carrying on personal conversations which require the teacher to redirect attention.
* Not taking part in class activities which are assigned during the period. This will include not being prepared to answer questions during class sessions.
* Leaving the class without leaving a laissez-passer in exchange for the pass.
* Using more than 5 laissez-passers during a semester without having received appropriate permission

Students who have lost participation points will be informed of the loss and the reason for the loss.