

20 Time Syllabus

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Introduction

The 20 Time Project is a student directed investigation into a topic that interests them. Working independently or in groups, the student must find a real world problem connected to their topic and create a project that addresses the problem. The project itself can take many forms and provide an opportunity for students to develop new skills. While a great deal of class time will be dedicated to work on the project, students might have to work on their project outside of class as well. At the end of the class, students should have a completed project. The culminating assignment is a TED style talk given to the student body about the project.

Classroom Rules

1. Treat everyone with respect
2. Be prepared for class-have your materials and homework ready
3. Be attentive and on task

Consequences

- 1st Offense: Warning – I will correct your behavior once
- 2nd Offense: Complete a behavioral examination sheet that must be signed by both you and your parents.
- 3rd Offense: Referral to the office for further discipline
Depending on the severity of the behavior involved, I reserve the right to take these consequences out of order

Plagiarism

Academic honesty is of the utmost importance, as a result, plagiarism is not to be tolerated. Plagiarism is most simply defined as copying someone else's work. If while doing your homework, you copy a classmate's assignment and turn it in as your own work, both you and the person allowing you to copy have committed plagiarism. If while writing a research paper, you copy information from text word for word or you use an author's ideas and pass them off as your own without giving credit to the author, you have committed plagiarism.

The consequences for plagiarism during your four years at Ghidotti are as follows:

- 1st Offense: You will receive a zero on the assignment with no chance to make up the points
- 2nd Offense: 5 days suspension
- 3rd Offense: Expulsion

Tardies

You are considered to be tardy if you are not in your seat at the start of class with your science work out.

- 1st – 3rd tardies
- 4th tardy and all subsequent tardies: You will be assigned a Saturday School.

Computer Use

Ghidotti students will be issued a Chromebook. It is expected that the Chromebook will be in class everyday and that its use will be consistent with Ghidotti's Chromebook Classroom policy.

Assignments

All assignments are expected to be completed on the assigned due date. Failure to have the work on the assigned date will result in a maximum score of 70% possible on the assignment.

Grades

Grades in 20 Time are weighted according to the following manner:

10%	Class Participation
15%	Weekly Updates
20%	Assignments
25%	Project
25%	"TED" Talk

Semester Grades will be assigned using the following scale:

A = 90 – 100% B = 80 – 89 % C = 70 – 79% D = 60 – 69% F = 59.94% or lower

Schoology

Schoology is an online learning management system that I use as a one-stop source for all course information. There, you will find a daily update explaining what occurred in class as well as links to digital copies of all handouts and homework used in class. If you are absent, I expect that you will check Schoology and keep up to date.

Absences

If you are absent, you will have a number days equal to the number of days that you were absent to complete any work missed.

Help

If you are having trouble with any of the course content or assignments, contact me as soon as possible so that we can arrange a time for tutoring.

Keys to Success

1. Ask questions – don't be shy
2. Time management – use your time wisely
3. Use Schoology to keep up with class when absent

We have reviewed this syllabus and agree to the expectations of the course

Student name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

