

EXTRA CREDIT CONTESTS!

For 10 points on any assignment OR 1 point on your final Marking Period grade...

1. **Welcome to Vegas**

I like to call my classroom “Vegas” because “what happens here stays here.” Establishing an environment where students are safe to express themselves and know that what they say matters and it won’t leave the room is important to me. Because we study literature that connects to real-world issues, it’s incredibly important that my students are safe to take risks in their thinking and speaking. Of course, there is a limit on this expectation: If a student says they are being hurt, or they say they want to hurt themselves or someone else, then for the safety of both that student and everyone else, I must report it.

Design and create a “Welcome to Vegas” sign for my classroom! Here are the requirements:

- a. The sign should look like the one in Las Vegas and feature the “What happens here stays here” slogan.
- b. The sign should be at least 12”H x 16”W.
- c. The sign must include a disclaimer about my obligations to report certain information.
- d. As it is my intention to get this sign laminated, your sign shouldn’t have stuff “sticking out” more than 2-3 pieces of paper’s worth (unless I can detach it to laminate and then re-attach in some way).

2. **M226: A No-Judgement Zone**

In addition to Vegas, I share a similar mentality to the folks who created Planet Fitness’s motto: my classroom is a [no judgement zone](#). I won’t judge my students, and I expect my students to keep their judgements of others to themselves. The sharing of opinions is important, but criticizing someone for their beliefs is not appropriate and will not be tolerated. Design and create a “No Judgement Zone” sign for my classroom! Here are the requirements:

- a. The sign should look like it came from a Planet Fitness.
- b. The sign should be at least 12”H x 16”W.
- c. As it is my intention to get this sign laminated, your sign shouldn’t have stuff “sticking out” more than 2-3 pieces of paper’s worth (unless I can detach it to laminate and then re-attach in some way).

NOTES:

YES, you may work with a partner or in a small group of up to 4 students.

YES, you may work with students in a different class than yours!

YES, if you find a way to create a mash-up of both ideas for one sign, you/your group will earn 15 points instead of 10!

NO, you may not split the 10 (or 15) points between assignments.

For 5 points on any assignment...

3. **Cat in Color**

Mrs. Saul found a fun cat coloring page for me, but I probably won’t have time to color it. [Color this page!](#) The student’s (or students’) page(s) that is most appealing to me will win the prize and will have their work featured on THE FRIDGE. Click the link for a copy of the page.

NOTES:

NO, you may not work with another person on this.

OVERALL NOTES:

Participating students whose work is not chosen will add 1 point to their final participation grade (Q4Participation).