

The Great Myth to Science Fiction Weekly-Draft Fantasy League!

Goals

Each student pursues a simple objective: Collect the most memorable and hardest-hitting work our classes have to offer! Since each assignment is worth 20 points, and since each student gets five choices, all students hope to assemble a roster whose collective score totals 100 points – or close to it.

Rules

1. The draft order will be randomized each week, courtesy of random.org.
2. The draft itself lasts five (5) rounds and follows a “snake” pattern: whoever holds the final pick of one round gets the first pick in the following one.
3. Each piece of work – say, a blog entry – in the draft pool can be selected by up to two (2) owners. Once a work has been selected twice, it disappears from the pool.
4. Provided that a work remains in the pool, anyone may select it. You can even draft yourself – assuming your entry remains on the board when you pick – if you’re confident that you did excellent work in a given week.
5. When appropriate, students may consult their phones or computers during class while waiting to make selections in order to “scout” their choices. (You can also do this in advance at home.)
6. The draft ends once all teams have completed their respective selections.
7. Team scores consist of the sum of the individual selections. For example, if the blog entries I chose earn final grades of 16.75, 17.5, 19, 14.5, and 15.75, my team receives an 83.5 score for that week. If someone else’s selections earned 17, 17, 18, 20, and 16.75, he or she receives an 88.75 score for the week – beating me, and probably many others in the process!
8. Team scores will be announced at the earliest possible date; standings are calculated on both a weekly and semester-long basis. Students earn extra credit for top-10 finishes in their class each week as well as for landing in the cumulative top-10 at semester’s end!

Notes and Considerations

1. During most weeks, our drafts will revolve around blogs, and all of the combined periods’ entries (Myth/Sci-Fi Periods 2-4 and, when appropriate, SDAIE Period 1) will be in the draft pool. That pool is very deep – about 240 options for 150 draft choices. During other weeks, your options will be more limited: you may be picking amongst your period’s Stand and Deliver presentations, for example. Pay attention to which work will be eligible for selection in a given week!
2. If one of your choices earns extra credit, it will not be added to your team’s score – way too much potential for corruption there! However, if one of your choices earns a penalty – no submission to Turnitin, not hitting the length minimum, not replying/nominating, or just doing so terribly – that penalty is applied to your team’s score.
3. Remember that the assignments are scored based on a variety of factors, not just based on excellence in a vacuum! If a student’s writing is improving, his/her score will reflect that improvement (especially in SDAIE!); if a senioritis-afflicted author decides to coast one week, the penalty will be steep.

Have fun! Good luck!