

# Mrs. Porter's Guide To Earning Extra Credit

The key word in the above title is “earning.” I will not award extra credit points for nothing. My philosophy is that everyone has a bad day and drops the ball in their schoolwork from time to time. I want to give you a chance to redeem yourself if that happens and get back on your feet. You’ll have to work for it though. I want to see evidence that you’ve learned something new from your extra credit work.

## A Few Guidelines:

- ❑ All extra credit work must be in your own words. Copying word for word from a book or website will not get you points.
- ❑ You have a 30-point maximum per grading period. This is more than enough to make up for a few zeros and/or a bad test grade. It is not enough, however, to make up for a grading period’s worth of doing nothing.
- ❑ Work may be turned in by e-mail or to the class tray on paper. If you submit anything by e-mail, please watch for a confirmation from me. You should get one within 48 hours (unless it is a weekend or vacation). If you don’t your e-mail might have been caught by a spam blocker or was undelivered for some other reason.
- ❑ Special extra credit opportunities will pop up upon occasion and will be announced in class.

## Extra Credit Opportunities

Option	Description	Deadline
Extra C-Layer	Simply complete a 4 <sup>th</sup> C-layer when we are working on a new unit. This is one beyond the requirements and must be different from the 3 you choose to do for your assignments.	Turn in by the C-Layer deadline for the current unit.
Science Report	Choose any science topic that interests you, research it, and write about what you learn <i>in your own words</i> . The longer your report, the more extra credit points you’ll earn.	By the end of the last day of the midterm or grading period
Online	Similar to the science report, except my website will direct you to <a href="http://www.howstuffworks.com">www.howstuffworks.com</a> where you can browse their topics and explanations. Again, you must write a summary in <i>your own words</i> .	By the end of the last day of the midterm or grading period