

Copying Assignment For: Profanity

Due: Turn in to Mr. Stapleton or his Main Office box by _____

Consequence if not completed on time specified above: Office Referral

Directions: Copy every word of the paragraphs below, *by hand*. If you have left out any of the words, you will be expected to copy all three paragraphs again.

If you are copying this, it is because Mr. Stapleton heard you use profanity during his class. He would like to go on record as saying that there is nothing innately wrong with those words. They're just words. The problem with them is that they are words that make many people uncomfortable. They are also distracting. The environment of this class should be one where everyone can feel comfortable and safe. Swearing diminishes that sense of comfort and safety. It also distracts Mr. Stapleton and other students. It destroys the flow of learning. Also, regardless of the real reasons that swearing in class is not a good idea, Mr. Stapleton simply has a "hang up" about it. He has come to believe that if there is swearing going on in his class, he is not doing his job. This applies to both student swearing and his swearing. He just can't let it go. Mr. Stapleton is not alone in having this hang-up. There are many people, places, and situations in our society that view swearing as inappropriate.

So, in summary, Mr. Stapleton has assigned this to try to persuade you to not swear in his class. You're not a bad person. All you did was make some sort of forbidden sound. But please don't do it again. Hopefully this assignment is just painful enough to persuade you to not swear, but not nearly as bad as an office referral.