



Shadow Cipher Syndicate
Orchestrated by the Archon (Mr. Jacobson)

Rules

1. Each person will receive a number. Each drawer has a number on it. The number you receive corresponds to a drawer. That is your drawer. You should not open any other person's drawer. If you are found to be snooping into other's business, your membership in the Shadow Cipher Syndicate will be rescinded.
2. In your drawer, you will periodically receive an envelope with a cipher. If there are further instructions on the paper inside the envelope, that's great. If not, you're on your own.
3. When you have solved the cipher, you must take a small piece of paper and write:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Your class
 - c. The correct decoded or deciphered message
 - d. The correct answer to the decoded or deciphered message
4. You will then include this paper with the original cipher in the envelope and drop it into the red letterbox. (Envelopes that are placed in the red letterbox without a paper with your name and the answers will not receive a gold coin – see number 5).
5. If you have answered the question and solved the cipher you will receive a gold coin in your drawer. Gold coins will be meticulously counted in a secret file to ensure none are added or subtracted through theft or deceit.
6. Gold coins can be collected and used for special privileges or prizes at the discretion of the Archon. Prizes and privileges are subject to change or disappear if theft or deceitfulness are perceived.
7. Gold coins must be turned in to the Archon in order to be valid. Gold coins turned in will be subtracted from the total that you (1) are in possession of, and (2) that is logged in the Archon's directory.

To recap: The black envelope must include:

1. The original cipher or coded message
2. Your piece of paper with the above information (see #3 above)

*Any and all disputes, challenges, or complaints must be made in writing and sent to the Archon (Mr. Jacobson) as an email with the subject line of [subject:] Shadow Cipher Syndicate – YOUR NAME.



Gold Coin Values

Gold Coins cannot be used for previous assignments in previous semesters (The Archon cannot accept gold coins in semester two to be used for assignments from semester one). However, Gold Coins CAN be hoarded in semester one and used in semester two.

2 Gold Coins = Your choice of sticker from the Archon's sticker pack.

3 Gold Coins = Your choice of a pin from the Archon's pin collection.

4 Gold Coins = A Mandarin slice key chain with a carabiner opening (supplies are limited).

5 Gold Coins = You may receive credit for a formative assignment if you have not done it.

6 Gold Coins = You may receive an extension on a project deadline of one day (this does not apply to presentations in class unless two days are used for the presentations, in which case you may choose to present on the second [or last] day).

7 Gold Coins = You may receive a small knit plushy (such as a "Positive Potato" or "Positive Guac").

8 Gold Coins = You are entitled to +1 points on a summative exam of your choice (not the finals). It can be added to any that we have completed – or you may choose to use it at a later date.

9 Gold Coins = You are entitled to +2 points on a summative exam of your choice (not the finals). It can be added to any that we have completed – or you may choose to use it at a later date.

10 Gold Coins = You are entitled to +3 points on a summative exam of your choice (not the finals). It can be added to any that we have completed – or you may choose to use it at a later date.

If you find that the code or cipher is too difficult, or you do not wish to do it, simply put it back in its original black Shadow Cipher Syndicate envelope and place it in the red drop box.