

English 11 Honors

American Literature

INSTRUCTOR

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BEFORE 7:45 A.M. 2:30 – 3 P.M.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The focus of **English 11** is to read, analyze, and write about our country's literature that emphasizes history, diverse cultures, and issues. We will start with Native American myths, which are the oldest stories established through oral tradition and show much about early cultures and beliefs. The course will also feature the forming of our nation, including the unknown and hysteria of a new land, slavery, Revolutionary writings and rhetoric, American gothic (yes, Edgar Allan Poe!), Romanticism and Transcendentalism, Realism, Harlem Renaissance, and contemporary literature. Other components of this course are argumentative essay, public speaking, debates, literary analysis essay, and an APA research paper.

REQUIRED TEXT

Prentice Hall, *The American Experience*

The Scarlet Letter

Fahrenheit 451

The Crucible

Slaughterhouse Five and/or *In Cold Blood*

Various short stories, poems, informational texts, essays, etc.



MATERIALS

- Fully charged device (laptop, tablet, Chromebook).
- A cellphone is NOT an appropriate device.
- Traditional paper tablet
- Pen or pencil

WEIGHTED GRADING

45% Tests, essays, and projects

15% Homework

40% Assignments (bell ringers, classwork, quizzes, participation)

ABSENT/MISSED WORK

- Students who are absent are responsible to complete missed work. Check *Google Class Stream* and *Classwork* pages for updates and assignments **DAILY!**

GRADING SCALE

A	93-100
B	85-92
C	77-84
D	70-76
F	0-69

- An absent student has the same number of days to make up work as they were absent. Tests MUST BE made up **within 3 days** of student's return to class.

EXTRA CREDIT

- **Not accepted.** Do the work that you are expected to do and submit it on time.

LATE WORK

Students who failed to meet appropriate deadlines on assignments have an end-of-the-marking-period chance to submit the work. It is up to the students to communicate with the teacher about late work submissions.

Late work will be accepted until 3 p.m. on the following dates:

MP 1	Friday, Oct. 20
MP 2	Friday, Jan. 12
MP 3	Friday, March 22
MP 4	Friday, May 17

****Tests and essays follow the "Second Chance" policy.**

SECOND CHANCE

- Students who earn a grade **below 69** on a test or essay will have the opportunity to re-test or re-submit their work, but it is the student's responsibility to speak with the teacher about the situation, and to reschedule a new testing/resubmission date within three days after original assignment's return.

CHEATING, PLAGIARIZING, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Students using these methods instead of doing their own work, will receive a zero for the assignment, and the teacher will contact parents/guardians, guidance counselors, and the principal immediately.
- In the case of plagiarizing an essay or research paper or using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to generate work, students will be given one chance to resubmit original work for partial credit. This is a one-time deal. Additional offenses will receive a grade of zero with no chance of resubmission.
- I will run plagiarism and AI checkers on all work.
- Refer to separate AI/ChatGPT policy.

BEHAVIOR

- Respect people, property, and ideas.
- Arrive to class on time with your required materials.
- Cell phones must be placed in the phone holder.
- Raise your hand/post a question to participate, ask questions, and share your comments.
- Do NOT talk when others are talking.
- Follow directions.
- Do ALL the work YOURSELF!
- Stay awake and participate.
- Remain in your seat unless you have permission to get up.
- **DO NOT LINE UP AT THE DOOR before class ends.**
- Water and cough drops are permitted. **Other food and drink are NOT.**

BATHROOM POLICY

- Students will receive three (3) bathroom passes per marking period. Use them wisely. **Unused bathroom passes can be submitted toward the end of the marking period for five bonus points each (15 points total for all three unused passes).**
- Students should use the first five (5) minutes of class to go to the bathroom. Students will not be permitted to go to the bathroom during instruction or toward the end of class.

MARKING PERIOD ONE	MARKING PERIOD TWO	MARKING PERIOD THREE	MARKING PERIOD FOUR
Native American myths	Revolutionary Times	Short stories	Harlem Renaissance
Short stories	<i>The Crucible</i>	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	<i>Slaughterhouse Five (In Cold Blood)</i>
<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	Public speaking	Research paper	Poetry
Vocabulary, literary terms, writing	Vocabulary, literary terms, writing	Vocabulary, literary terms, writing	Vocabulary, literary terms, writing

****IDENTIFICATION****

All your work (homework, essays, in-class assignments) **MUST** contain your **first and last names, class period, and the submission date.**

FINAL NOTE

Welcome back to school! To those of you who I taught last year, 'Surprise!' I followed you to eleventh grade English Honors! To those of you who do not know me, I can't wait to learn about you and do my best to keep class interesting and help you build on your reading, writing, and speaking abilities! I'm excited to teach all of you about American Literature, which reflects religious, moral, cultural, political, social, and economic issues of a new and growing nation through its history.

As students in an honors course, you will be expected to adhere to the rigor and deadlines for this course throughout the school year. English 11 Honors is academically challenging, reading and writing intensive, and will prepare you for college level work. This course will go in greater depth as we analyze selections of American literature throughout time. Students will work independently and collaboratively on a variety of reading, writing, and speaking assignments.

Concerning behavior, as juniors you are expected to behave maturely and act appropriately in the school building and in class. Should a student falter by failing academically, misbehaving, bullying classmates, breaking district policies, or doing anything else that constitutes inappropriate speech or actions, I will follow classroom and district procedures and enforce proper consequences. These steps include contacting parents/guardians, guidance counselors, coaches, and administrators when necessary.

Should you have any issues, problems, or concerns in/with class, please speak with me. I cannot rectify a situation if I do not know it exists.

Let's have a great and productive class, and some fun along the way! **Happy 2023-2024 School Year!**

*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."
—Malcolm X*