



Honors English 11 Syllabus
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Welcome to a new year! To communicate with me about your grade, late work, missed work, or any other reason, I am available in ETEH, before and after class, and any time via email. I am unable to meet with you once the bell rings signaling the start of class. Use Schoology to locate course materials, confirm due dates, and access assignments.

Course Description

This is an accelerated and in-depth course with an emphasis on American Literature. Students will read a variety of texts, utilize the writing process, write for different purposes, research self-selected or assigned topics, and continue to use effective communication techniques.

1st Semester Major Texts

The Sun Also Rises, Ernest Hemingway
The Sound and the Fury, William Faulkner

2nd Semester Major Texts

The Crucible, Arthur Miller (textbook)
Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston
A Streetcar Named Desire, Tennessee Williams
A Raisin in the Sun, Lorraine Hansberry* TBD

Expectations/Procedures

- ✓ Check Schoology daily.
- ✓ Be on time!
- ✓ Come to class prepared. Bring required materials to class everyday (writing utensil, plenty of paper, notes and handouts, writer's notebook, your charged laptop, novel, and highlighter).
- ✓ Be respectful! Have respect for your classmates, the teacher, and yourself.
- ✓ Please ask before leaving the classroom.
- ✓ No beverages (except for water), food, or candy allowed in class.
- ✓ Talking during a quiz or test will result in an **automatic zero**.
- ✓ Follow the LMHS Handbook and Student Device Handbook located on the school's website.
- ✓ Read and comply with the Class AI Policy which can be found in the Classroom Information folder in Schoology



Assignments

1. Assignments are due **before** the bell rings at the beginning of class.
2. Assignments must be legible in order for them to be assessed.
3. Some discussions may be online through Schoology, and students must adhere to the Schoology Code of Conduct.
4. Homework is deducted **50%** if it is late and is accepted one day late only. Homework is time-sensitive because it is discussed the following day.
5. Major assignments are deducted **20%** every day they are past due. Once a major assignment has been graded and returned, it may not be turned in for partial credit.

Class Policies

If you miss class due to illness or other circumstances, it is your responsibility to find out assignments you missed, to acquire any handouts, and to borrow and copy the class notes for the day(s) you were absent. You will have at least a week's lead time for papers and other major assignments, so the due date remains the same regardless of your absence. Plan accordingly! If you are ill the day a paper is due, it should still be submitted via Schoology to Turnitin. If an

emergency arises (illness or otherwise) and you absolutely cannot complete an assignment, I will need a note from your parent/guardian (and possibly a doctor's note) explaining the situation. For every day you have an **excused** absence, you have two days to make up any class work and assignments. For example, if you are absent on a Monday you must turn in all late work to me on Thursday. Making up missed work is your responsibility! I will not seek you out about missing work. All quizzes and tests must be made up at school. You may not make up work during class. Expect to come in during ETEH because I am most likely teaching during your study hall.

Tardiness

Tardiness is unacceptable and will be handled according to the school's policy. You are tardy if you are not in your seat when the bell rings and ready to work. If you have an unexcused tardy you will not be able to make up any missed work or assignments (quizzes included).

Check Schoology daily for class updates and assignments
Utilize Progress Book to keep track of your grade and assignments

Plagiarism

Cheating of any kind is not tolerated in this class. Cheating results in an automatic zero for the assignment, a call home, and a discipline referral. Cheating includes copying someone else's work in or out of class, copying homework, quizzes, or tests, using someone else's work as your own, using an old paper from a past course, or copying from an outside source, such as the Internet, articles, or journals. Both parties involved with any level of cheating will be punished equally.

See LMHS Handbook

Assignment Types and Weights

- Homework 10%
- Literary Terms/Vocabulary 20%
- Assessments 20%
- Reading Quizzes 15%
- Writing Assignments 35%

Semester Course Grade

- Quarter 1 grade=50%
- Quarter 2 grade=50%



Benefits of Reading:

1. Those that read have higher GPAs, higher intelligence, and general knowledge than those that don't.
2. Reading reduces stress.
3. Reading can soothe like no other.
4. Reading improves analytical thinking.
5. Reading increases your vocabulary and improves your spelling, but did you know that reading increases your vocabulary more than talking or direct teaching?
6. Reading improves your memory.
7. Reading improves your writing skills.

Benefits of Writing by Hand:

1. It's better for learning.
2. It makes you a better writer.
3. It will prevent you from being distracted.
4. It keeps your brain sharp as you get older.

