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English 10 H

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Classroom: 310 (and online via Canvas)

Support: Reach out via email

I offer office hours during Yellow Block on Day 1. If we cannot find a time that works for both of us, please consider asking your question via email or visiting the writing lab.

Pronouns: she/they

## Essential Questions

How does American literature reflect and influence one's identity?

To what extent is American literature our cultural voice?

What does American literature say to us about race, gender, class, and aspirations?

## Course Objectives

1. To strengthen your active/close reader skills and increase your understanding and appreciation of texts by recognizing *and* analyzing the function of literary devices.
2. **To build an inclusive and participatory classroom atmosphere and a sense of belonging that allows us to honor and develop our core values of achieving academic excellence, fostering cooperative and caring relationships, respecting human differences, and committing to community.**
3. To understand literature as both window and mirror: To build empathy for others and be able to shift perspectives to understand another's experience and point of view; To express ideas articulately and sensitively, to listen well, and to collaborate productively.
4. To continue to develop a personal writing style that demonstrates: logical development of unique ideas; clear and cohesive structure; relevant textual evidence; purposeful word choice; clarity of thought and expression; and other elements of good writing.

## Class Texts/Units

- Behold the Dreamers
- Indigenous Literature
- The Crucible
- Homegoing
- Film Unit
- Literature Circles

*Class texts are subject to change*

**INDEPENDENT READING:** You are also required to read books independently alongside our class texts.

## To Bring to Class

- ❖ Laptop
- ❖ Something to write on and with
- ❖ Somewhere to put handouts
- ❖ Class text
- ❖ Independent reading book
- ❖ An open mind & a great work ethic

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