



Honors 11th Grade American Literature Syllabus

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Course Description:

Honors English 11 is a rigorous course offered to Conemaugh Township 11th grade students who have completed the prerequisite grades in Honors English 10. Students in this class will pursue some of the traditional Junior English activities while also completing requirements for the three credit dual enrollment course with Mount Aloysius or Penn Highlands. This course is designed as a survey of the material and is meant as a foundation course, giving an overview of classic American literary works and various academic writings. These works will be evaluated critically in terms of a changing cannon and the modern world's increasing recognition of the value of diverse voices in literature and writing.

Dual Enrollment Description from Pennsylvania Highlands Community College:

This course emphasizes the techniques of writing expository essays with stress upon careful thinking, word choice, sentence structure, and methods of organization. Students practice the writing of clear, coherent, and unified paragraphs and essays. Editing skills and the use of correct grammar and mechanics are also emphasized. Students are taught research skills and are required to write an argumentative research paper. This is the standard college English composition course.

Textbooks:

Elements of Literature, 5th Course, Literature of the United States
Supplemental materials provided by teacher

Required Materials:

One binder specifically for English OR one notebook with a folder for handouts.
Loose leaf paper
Blue or black pens
Pencils
Highlighters
Chromebooks

Long Novels/ Plays:

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Hamlet by William Shakespeare

The Crucible By Arthur Miller

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Assorted Independent Reading Novels

*The teacher reserves the right to modify this list as needed.

Literature Topic Outline:

Building a Nation: Colonial and Native American Interactions

The Examined Life

Hysteria

Romanticism and Transcendentalism

The Realms of Darkness

Regionalism

Realism

The American Dream

Modernism

Assessments/ Major Assignments:

Expository Essays

Unit Tests

Reading quizzes

Vocabulary/grammar quizzes

Literary Analysis Paper (MLA)

Argumentative Research Paper (APA)

Group Projects

Independent Reading Projects

Formal Argumentative Presentation

Class Rules:

1. Be Ready For Class To Start-- Come in, get to your seat, get out your materials for the day, read the board, complete any starter assignments. We have a lot to cover! We need all of our time. Wait until the assignment is started before asking to go to your locker or to the bathroom.

2. Be Quiet When It's Quiet Time-- Do not talk when the teacher is teaching, your classmates are presenting, or when the class is working silently.

3. Be Aware Of Your State Of Consciousness-- Pay attention and keep your head off the desk! Do not use chromebooks unless directed to do so.

4. Be Respectful Of Your Classmates And Teacher-- This class depends on you to be a productive contributor.

5. Be Aware Of Your Grade-- You should always know your grade in this class. Keep track of your assignments and hold me accountable to give assignments back!

6. NO CELLPHONES!! -- You may NOT be on your phone in class. This includes at the end of class. Unauthorized use will result in detention.

7. Be Conscientious-- There will be homework in this class. You will have readings to do on your own. You must time manage effectively to complete assignments.

8. Be Honest-- Do not cheat, copy, or plagiarize for a grade. This will result in a 0 for the assignment, detention, office referral, and parent contact. If you need help, come to see me. I want to help you learn.

9. Be Engaged-- You must participate in this class. I reserve the right to include daily participation grades if needed.

Plagiarism Statement:

Plagiarism is the use of another's words or ideas and the presentation of them as though they were entirely one's own.

Acts of plagiarism might include, but are not limited to:

- using words or ideas from a published source without proper documentation (copy/pasting from the internet or other source material)
- using the work of another student (e.g. copying homework, composition, or project)
- **using any form of AI to write portions or all of any assignment intended to be turned in as your own work.**

All instances of plagiarism are referred to the office and will receive detention and parent contact. If you are not sure about an assignment, come to see me before it's due.

****A Note About Summer Reading:** All Honors 11 students must complete the required Summer Reading assignment and submit the writing assignments by Thursday, August 28. Failure to submit will result in removal from the Honors course.

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I have read and understand the Honors English 11 Syllabus. I understand my responsibility as a student and the consequences of plagiarism.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____