

11th/12th Grade English

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Course Description:

The objective of this class is to provide you with the tools necessary to analyze literature, produce cohesive, organized writing, and make meaningful connections with texts. You will reach these goals through a variety of techniques, including studying a wide range of texts, working in groups to build upon ideas, and responding to writing prompts that encourage you to utilize your critical thinking skills.

Materials:

- Binder
- Paper
- Pens or pencils
- Computer/internet access

Grading:

65% - Summative Assignments (tests, essays, and projects)

15% - Discussions (on Google Classroom and in class)

15% - Other Assignments (reading guides, character maps, small quizzes, etc.)

5% - Grammar Exercises

- ❖ Tests (not quizzes) may be retaken within one month of the initial test date in order to earn a higher grade.
- ❖ Essays may be revised within two weeks from the time they are returned. There are no percentage penalties on late essays; however, essays that are more than one week late will not be eligible for revision.
- ❖ Discussions and other assignments are not eligible for revision. Additionally, if you submit one of these assignments late it will receive a percentage penalty. Any work submitted by the beginning of the next class period will receive 75% credit. Work submitted after the next class period and up to two weeks after the assignment due date will receive 50% credit. Unless there are special circumstances and you have discussed an alternate due date with me, no credit will be given after the two week mark.
- ❖ Grammar exercises will be posted to Google Classroom every Monday. You may complete these assignments at any time during the week, but they are due at 11:59PM on Sundays. No late submissions will be accepted.
- ❖ There is no extra credit available in this class, so please be diligent by tracking your grade on Aeries and coming to see me if you need help.

Homework Policy:

Any homework assignments will be written on the side board in the classroom under the '11th/12th Grade' header and will be posted to the Google Calendar (available on my website). **Homework assignments will be due by the beginning of the next class, unless I specify a different due date.** Homework assignments are to be completed outside

of class time. Homework completed during class when you were supposed to be engaging in class activities/discussions will not be accepted.

Missed work: If you are absent from class you are still responsible for any work due/completed during the class period. Please contact me via email for slides and other class materials. If missed work is submitted within **one week** of your return date to class, then the assignment will receive full credit. **Write 'Absent' at the top of these assignments to ensure you receive full credit.** Any work submitted after that week will be considered late.

Class Rules:

Please come to class prepared and ready to work. Your education and success are very important to me. I expect you to be respectful and responsible throughout the year so we can reach your educational and personal goals together.

Online Resources:

Reports on what was covered in class will be available on the Google Calendar available on my website. Please contact me if you are absent and I will send you our class slides. We will be utilizing Google Classroom in class regularly. Any comments or posts you make in Google Classroom should be academic in nature and related to our course of study. Off topic comments or posts will be removed from our Google Classroom stream and your Google Classroom privileges may be adjusted if you are not able to maintain an academic focus on the online platform.

English Lab:

If you are struggling with any aspect of this class, you are welcome to come get individual help from 11:00-12:00 on Fridays during English lab. I am also available most days after school or during lunch if you would like to make an appointment to come work with me.

Personal Reading Requirement:

You are required to read **at least one book of your choosing per semester (this cannot be a book we read in class)**. You may be asked to approve the book title with me in advance. You will be given an assignment towards the end of the semester that is related to your reading.

Academic Integrity:

All students in all classes are expected to uphold the expectations of academic integrity. Academic integrity requires students to be honest and responsible when completing assignments. Using the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own words or ideas is considered plagiarism. Collaboration and research are highly valued at Stellar, but it is paramount that you give credit to the people whose words and ideas you use in order to avoid academic dishonesty.

Contact:

You can reach me by email at aprovins@rsdnmp.org or by phone at (530) 776-0160.