



English III Honors Syllabus 2026-2027

Welcome to English III Honors! We are going to have a wonderful year surveying American literature. Students can expect to gain a better understanding of what it means to be American through reading, writing about, researching, analyzing, and discussing classic literature by some of America's most influential writers.

Needed supplies:

- Pencils and/or pens
- 5 highlighters of different colors
- Loose leaf paper
- Spiral notebook for notes
- Folder/binder to keep your schoolwork organized (does not have to be English-specific)

Major Works: (Please purchase these if you are able. There will be a limited number of school copies available to check out if needed.)

- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne (needed by Sept. 28)
- *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin (needed by Nov. 11)
- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald (needed by Jan. 6)
- *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller (This is in the textbook, but you are welcome to buy a copy if you want.)
- TBD—likely a self-selected Great American novel

Course Overview: (This is subject to change based on extenuating circumstances)

- **1st Quarter:** Puritan/colonial poetry and rhetoric, Revolutionary War-era speeches and essays, Romanticism (including beginning *The Scarlet Letter*)
 - **Writing Focus: Rhetorical analysis essay**
- **2nd Quarter:** Romanticism fiction (*The Scarlet Letter*), Gothic poetry and short fictions, Transcendentalist essays, Realism (*The Awakening*)
 - **Writing Focus: *The Scarlet Letter* literary analysis essay**
- **3rd Quarter:** Modernism (*The Great Gatsby*), self-selected novel, research
 - **Writing Focus: Research project: annotated bibliography**
- **4th Quarter:** Research, mid-20th century drama (*The Crucible*) and historical context
 - **Writing Focus: Research project: research paper**

Grades:

Majors= 60%

Quizzes= 25%

Daily= 15%

Makeup Work:

You are responsible for work you miss while absent. It is your responsibility to access any notes and work that you missed. Please note that major grade assignments (essays and projects) are due on the announced due date regardless of absence in the days leading up to that due date. If you are absent the class meeting prior to a test, you are still responsible for taking the test on the scheduled date, unless new test material was taught on that missed day. Missed tests and quizzes must be made up outside of class time. It is your responsibility to schedule this. You cannot miss another class to make up missing work.

Essays and Writing Assignments:

Students are responsible for using the feedback given to them. Grades, rubrics, and teacher and peer commentary are tools to help you grow and should be treated as such.

Rough drafts are an important part of your writing process. They allow you to get your thoughts out on paper without worrying about perfection. Teacher feedback on the quality of your writing will NOT be given on rough drafts unless you seek it out prior to the final draft's due date.

Feedback on process essays, timed writings, and writing-heavy projects can be expected **three weeks** after the assignment's due date. Each assessment will be scored with its rubric. **Written feedback may be limited**; however, I am happy to go over your work with you **one-on-one**. Please schedule a time to do this OUTSIDE of class. Make sure you bring the work you want clarity/additional feedback on with you.

Academic Honesty:

Plagiarism and/or cheating will never be tolerated. If you plagiarize or cheat, you will receive a zero and a referral. Unless explicitly stated by the teacher, students should never use Google or any internet search engine for assistance on an assignment. Cheating includes (but is not limited to) the following:

- copying another student's work
- asking a student who has taken a test or quiz what is on that test or quiz before you take it
- using cheat sheets on assessments
- collaborating with another student on an individual assignment
- providing your own work to another student for their use
- copying and pasting from the internet
- submitting your own work from a previous assignment as if it were new
- using any form of LLM generative AI (such as Chat GPT) to complete work

See school plagiarism policy for more information.

Extra Credit Policy:

1. You can earn up to 10 points back on a major grade by completing a revision and explanation of a graded essay. This CANNOT be completed at home or without the presence of Miss Atkinson or Mr. Meyer. Exact instructions will be provided on the day of the assignment's completion. You are responsible for bringing your graded essay and rubric with you or else you won't be able to complete the extra credit. No grade can exceed a 100.
2. If you can identify, correct, and explain a grammatical error that I made on a syllabus, assignment, or email, I will add 1 point to your lowest major grade at the end of the grading period. Students may earn multiple points this way, but only one student may earn credit per error.

Test Retake Policy:

Each quarter, you are allowed to retake one major test on which you made below a 75. The retake will not be the same as the original test, and a 75 is the maximum grade possible on it. You are responsible for notifying your teacher and scheduling a time outside of class to take the retest. No retest will be offered for those who cheat on the original assessment.

Reading/Homework Assignments and Late Work Policy:

Students are responsible for completing all reading assignments. Quiz and test questions will come from the reading. Pop reading quizzes (daily grades) may be given at any time without advanced notice.

Assignments completed on paper will be turned in to the drawer assigned to that class. Students will be expected to turn in neat, unfolded assignments with straight edges. Online assignments will be submitted on Canvas.

Homework assignments and projects are due at the BEGINNING of class. If they're submitted after class begins, they will be counted late. Daily work that is assigned as homework will be accepted ONE class meeting late for a maximum grade of 50%. Work will not be accepted thereafter. Major long-term assignments and/or quiz work that is assigned as homework will be accepted late for a 10% penalty per school day for a maximum of five school days.

Cell Phones:

According to state law, cell phones, smart watches, and other personal communication devices **must not be seen** in class. They must be in your bag, not your pocket. If I see it, I am required to take it—no exceptions.