

ENGLISH 11H

Grade Level: 11 Full Year: 1 Credit

*** English Regents Exam at the end of Grade 11***

In eleventh grade English, the thematic emphasis is on the American experience, which serves as a literary parallel to what students study in their eleventh grade Social Studies classes: US History. Students will read diverse texts written by diverse voices - imaginative, poetic, and informational - in which characters are shaping themselves within the American experience. Similarly, students will write on a variety of topics that help them to reflect on their own identities and to consider the challenges that adolescents face when defining who they want to be in the world. Students enrolled in the H-Level course are expected to handle the rigor of the workload with greater independence and less teacher-scaffolding.

How is the course structured?

Course Components

- Critical thinking and analysis, analytical writing, Schoology, Group work, narrative, analytical and argumentative writing assignments; independent reading.

Course Grade Based On:

- Participation in Discussion, Individual and Small Group Activities, Daily Writing and Note-Taking, Projects, Research, Essay Writing in a Variety of Modes

What can I expect?

Course Workload:

- Active participation in class is necessary for success. Much of our work will be done in class except for reading homework, and occasional assignments that require more time. Weekend homework is rare to allow the students to balance their lives.

Homework Frequency:

- Regularly, generally reading or written assignments.

Type of Homework:

- Reading, Writing, Online work, outside text or book questions and answers

Major Projects:

- *The Glass Castle* Social Welfare Presentation on Child Abuse (for a "parenting class"); Socratic Seminar using "Civil Disobedience," for *In the Time of the Butterflies*

Text Titles May Include

- *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls; *The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien; *In the Time of the Butterflies,* Julia Alvarez; *A Raisin in the Sun,* Lorraine Hansberry; various speeches, poems, and non-fiction essay

Additional Information:

- Students will have a comprehensive instruction unit on writing their college essay, complete with prompt breakdown, tips, and sample essays.