

English 11

Course Syllabus

Overview:

Collections of literature and novels from various time periods in American history will be read and discussed as they pertain to the Nebraska English Language Arts standards. A focus will be placed on a study of how the literature has shaped our history and how our history has shaped the literature. Argument writing will also be studied in depth. Most of the class will be devoted to the study of literature and writing but grammar and vocabulary will also be covered.

Primary Text:

Glencoe Literature: American Literature The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. Copyright 2009
Glencoe Writer's Choice: Grammar and Composition Grade 11, The Mc-Graw-Hill Companies, Inc. Copyright 2009

Other Texts: (Include, but not limited to)

The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald
My Antonia, Willa Cather
O! Pioneers, Willa Cather
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
In Cold Blood, Truman Capote
A Raisin in the Sun, Lorraine Hansberry
The Grapes of Wrath, John Steinbeck
The Crucible, Arthur Miller

Grading Procedures:

Grades will be earned on a point system. The grade formula is the number of points acquired divided by the number of points possible.

Daily Grades: Vary based on length and level of activity (includes in-class activities, homework, etc.)

Journal Grades: 4 points each entry, Must be answered daily

Quizzes and Tests: 100 points (chapter quizzes and section/unit tests)

Essays, Papers, and Projects: 100-200 points each, Rubric provided before writing

Class Supplies:

English textbooks

Current novel, research, items needed for project, etc.

Writing utensils (pencil, blue or black pen for assignments, red for checking)

Perforated Notebook (No FRINGIES!)

School issued iPad and class required apps

Classroom Rules:

1. Be Safe
2. Be Respectful

3. Be Responsible
4. No food or drink (water okay)
5. All Overton handbook rules apply

Consequences:

- 1-4: Verbal warning, Detention and Parent Notification, Office Referral
- 5: As outlined in handbook

iPad Rules:

1. Bring iPad to class, charged, everyday, no exceptions
2. Treat the iPad with respect
3. Only Mrs. Wyatt approved apps and games may be used in class
4. School storage always takes precedence over personal storage
5. May listen to music using headphones, as long as it doesn't disturb others

Late Papers:

You are responsible young adults and, therefore, I do not expect late work. If you do turn in work late, the following consequence will be applied:

- 1st day - Drop 1 letter grade
- 2nd day - ½ credit
- 3rd day - No credit

If you are struggling with the completion of an assignment, do not hesitate to come and talk to me. Depending on the circumstances, arrangements may be made to give extensions, shorten work, modify assignments, or give assistance. However, if you wait to talk to me until the day it is due, I will feel no sympathy and be less willing to offer assistance. Be responsible for yourself!

Absences and Make-up Policies:

Students will have two days after returning (for each day absent) to submit make-up work. All homework assignments can be found on Overton's OnCourse webpage. Click on Mrs. Wyatt and find your class to read your assignments.

Contact Information:

I will be in my classroom before and after school for students with questions and concerns. My classroom hours are 7:55am-4:00pm and my planning period is 1st hour. I will make arrangements if these times do not work for you. You may contact me through email at ashley.wyatt@overtoneagles.org. Please DO NOT hesitate to contact me if you need help! I CAN NOT help you if I do not know that you need help!