

English Course Outline for Students and Parents

Course Title: English 11R

Teacher: Miss Lawlor

Overview of Course (goals/Objectives): This course is designed to focus on the study of American Literature and you will read novels, plays, short stories and poetry written by American authors. All literature will be used as a springboard for writing, and as with the new Regents standards, writing will be the most important element of this course. Everything done in class and at home will be done in an attempt to improve the writing, listening, and communication skills necessary to each student.

Literature:

The Crucible

Girl, Interrupted

Of Mice and Men

A Streetcar Named Desire

Short stories and additional works will be studied from the textbook: *Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes*

Informational text, traditionally known as non-fiction, will be a major focus this year in English classes in order to help your child meet expectations of the Common Core Standards that have been adopted by New York State. Everything that your child will read this year will be used as a springboard for writing, and, as with the Common Core State Standards, reading and writing will be used to prepare your child to be "college and career ready" upon graduation.

Supplies:

3-ring binder: one separate section for your daily Do Now's
loose-leaf paper:
blue/black pens
pocket folder
assigned reading

Grading:

Quarters 1,2,3:

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| Writing Portfolio | 25% |
| Tests/Projects | 35% |
| Quizzes | 20% |
| Homework/Classwork | 10% |
| Interim | 10% |

Quarter 4

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| Writing Portfolio | 25% |
| Tests/Projects | 45% |
| Quizzes | 20% |
| Homework/Classwork | 10% |

Each quarter will count as 22.5% of the final grade, with the final or Regents exam counting for 10%.

- HOMEWORK IS NOT ACCEPTED LATE! Homework is collected at the BEGINNING of the period and will not be accepted later. If a student has a legal absence (please see the Student Handbook for a list of excused absences) he/she will have 3 days from the absence to make up all work missed. It is the student's responsibility to come to me for any assignments missed.
- Quizzes may be announced or unannounced.
- Journal assignments will be given daily as "Do Nows." Students MUST keep these dated and organized, as they will be collected and graded periodically throughout the year.

Procedures and Expectations:

- All students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. It is the student's responsibility to show "excused" passes to the teacher upon returning to class following an absence. Students who are unable to attend class on a particular day due to a school sponsored activity (ex: music lessons) must come speak to me first to get the work for that day. Cutting class is NOT tolerated and a student will receive a grade of zero on all missed work for that day.
- If a student arrives to class after the bell, he or she will be marked late unless he/she presents a late pass. Excessive lateness WILL negatively affect the student's grade.
- MUTUAL RESPECT!!! Rudeness will not be tolerated. Any form of class disruption, including talking while another student or one of the teachers is talking, is unacceptable.
- Plagiarism will not be tolerated and ANY plagiarized assignment will receive a grade of zero.
- No hats, cell phones, iPods, or other electronics are allowed in the classroom. If these items are seen, they will be taken and given to an administrator.
- No passes will be given out during the first or last 10 minutes of the class period.
- Any student who has more than 18 absences in this course will receive a NO CREDIT

Extra Help:

Day: _____ Time: _____

Teacher contact: 733-6601



I have read and understand the course outline and requirements.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____

Period _____

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