

Course Information

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Welcome!

This class is a junior English class that is intended to prepare students for the End-of-Course Reading SOL test. Material covered in this class includes American literature, research, literary analysis writing, and college/career exploration. I expect your best effort each day, and that effort will certainly be reflected in your grade. If you do the work and put in the time, you will succeed in this course—it's as simple as that.

For a complete course description, visit my Moodle page.

Student Materials

Students are expected to have the following daily: lined paper, pen and pencil, and a three-ring binder (for English only).

Optional but helpful: highlighters, colored pens, ruled index cards, and a flash drive.

Student Work Requirements

All class work must be completed in blue or black ink. Typed work is acceptable and, for formal essays, required. Computers (with printer and Internet access) are available in my classroom on a first come, first served basis. All class work must have a heading as follows:

Name

Period

Date

Title

Textbook Information

Students will complete most of their reading in class. There will be regular reading quizzes / writing assignments for the required reading.

Writing will also be completed in class and typed, when applicable.

The complete textbook and writing program is available online. Students will have access to both texts if they have Internet access.

Classroom Rules & Discipline

1. Respect all people, as well as their words and belongings.
2. Do not use profanity, insult others, or speak crudely/hatefully.
3. Bring all materials to class.
4. No "grooming," or wearing hats/sunglasses during class.
5. HHS dress code, electronic devices policy, and all school rules will be strictly enforced.
6. Please do not ask to leave the classroom unless it is an emergency.
7. Copying Homework, class work, or from the Internet is cheating. DO NOT CHEAT or you will receive a zero on the assignment. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated.

Grading

Grades will be given out on a point basis. To calculate your grade, divide your total by the total number of points possible.

If you need to know your grade, please see me before or after school, or check PowerSchool at any time. I will not administer grades during passing periods or during class. Participation counts as part of your final grade.

Grading Scale

A=93-100%
B=85-92%
C=77-84%
D=70-76%
F=0-69%

Extra Credit

Extra credit is rarely offered for this course. If you do not do your work, do not expect to be able to make it up at the end of the year, and do not ask for extra credit as you will not be given extra work for failure to complete your original assignments on time. Extra credit opportunities will be offered for students who exhibit above and beyond effort on assignments and/or participate in activities that support the required curriculum. Extra credit is exactly that: "extra."

Make-Up Work Policy: Homework, Class Work, Tests, and Quizzes

It is the student's responsibility to find out what he or she missed due to absence. In addition, it is the student's responsibility to schedule arrangements for make-up tests. Note that this is an honors class, and as such, I will not chase you down to remind you to make up a quiz.

Assignments due on the day you were absent will be expected the day you return. You will have one day for each day of absence to arrange to make up any work. After this time window is up, your assignments – INCLUDING MISSED TESTS OR QUIZZES – will become zeroes and will no longer be accepted. Please do not come ask me what you missed once class has started. This should be taken care of during the time between classes or before or after school. Please note that if you miss class on the day of a pop quiz or a class discussion that is worth points, you will not be able to make up these points. Attendance is essential in an honors class.

Make-Up Work Policy: Essays, Presentations, and Projects

Major projects and papers will be assigned well in advance of a due date. **If a major project or paper is not turned in on or before a due date, regardless of your attendance in the class, the assignment will NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Consideration may be given for extenuating circumstances. (Extenuating circumstances do not include running out of printer ink, "suddenly" discovering a faulty printer, having computer disc issues, the Internet going down at your home, staying up until two in the morning only to have your computer crash, the computer "losing" your work, being absent from class the day before, etc.). **You, the student, are responsible for timely submission of your work.** Emailed assignments will be accepted, but they must be submitted on or before the due date and time. E-mail failure does not equate an extension on an assignment. Allow yourself plenty of time to be sure the assignment was properly sent.

If there are serious extenuating circumstances preventing a student from doing his or her work, parents and students are encouraged to contact me (as well as other teachers and the guidance coordinator) as soon as possible so suitable work arrangements can be made.

Some Final Words of Advice for Academic Success...

1. Stop making excuses – this is YOUR life. Take control of it. Teachers cannot "rewire" your brain so you learn; **you** have to work hard to learn new material, too.
2. Don't ask for "extra credit." It's only "extra" if you've done all the **required** work.
3. Complete all the required work to **the best** of your ability and turn it in **on time**.
4. Ask questions in class. Take the time to **proofread** all your assignments.
5. **Avoid procrastinating** if that doesn't work for you.
6. **Manage your time** with some sort of agenda.
7. Cheating is a temporary fix. In the long run, **cheating makes you dumb**.
8. If you are absent, do your make-up work **immediately** upon your return.

Academic Integrity

Any form of cheating and / or plagiarism will not be tolerated. Cheating and / or plagiarism can include: copying from another student, using another person's ideas or words as your own without giving credit, "copying and pasting" from the Internet, having someone else complete your work, etc.

Consequences:

- 1st Offense: zero on the assignment / cannot be made up or replaced, parent notification, NHS notification*
2nd Offense: zero on the assignment / cannot be made up or replaced, conference with parents and administration, possible failure for grading period
3rd Offense: removal from class

Parent and Student Acknowledgement Form: English 11 Honors (Baldwin)
Due on or before Friday, August 17th

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Relationship to the student? _____

Best phone number to call during the day: _____

If you would prefer to communicate via e-mail, please print your e-mail address below:

I have read the syllabus and discussed it with my child.
We understand and agree to uphold the following class requirements:

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

STUDENTS

Classroom Rules: (parent initials) _____ (student initials) _____

Make-Up Work Policies: (parent initials) _____ (student initials) _____

Late/Incomplete Work Policy: (parent initials) _____ (student initials) _____

Academic Integrity Policy: (parent initials) _____ (student initials) _____

Anything else you would like me to know about your child?

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____