

## 2016-2017 American Literature Syllabus

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### Course Description:

The purpose of this course is for the student to acquire:

- > Writing skills to compose well-developed paragraphs and multi-paragraph essays by addressing sentence structure, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and usage.
- > Effective study strategies and note-taking skills
- > Critical thinking and reading skills
- > An appreciation for American Literature
- > Preparation for the Georgia Milestone Exam
- > Confidence in written and oral expression
- > Research skills

### Required Textbooks

- Elements of Literature, 5<sup>th</sup> Course
- Selected Novels

### Evaluation

Grades will be assessed in the following way:

- Tests/Major Projects/Essays 55%
- Classwork/Homework/Mini Projects/Quizzes 45%

### Absences

It is the student's responsibility to schedule a convenient time before or after school to make up any test as a result of an excused absence or failure.

### Suggested Classroom Supplies:

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| English notebook | Highlighter(s)    | Post-it notes |
| Pen and pencil   | 3 X 5 index cards | flash drive   |

### Classroom Expectations

- > Be respectful and courteous to teacher and peers.
- > Bring all English materials (notebook, texts, and pen) to class daily.
- > Keep your desk and the area surrounding it clean at all times.
- > Assume responsibility for your actions and assignments.

### Course Policies

- Preparedness is key to success. Students are expected to be prepared (text, notebook, pen, assignments, and a willingness to learn) for class every day.
- Papers should be typed and double-space; use a standard 12 point font.
- Maintain an accurate, thorough notebook, neatly organizing all handouts.
- Cheating and plagiarism will result in a zero.
- E-mail me for any concern or question.
- In case of an absence, it is the responsibility of the student to find out what work was covered; please e-mail me whenever possible, especially if the absence occurs on an important due date.
- Always do your own work. Do not share homework unless specifically directed to do so.
- Cite outside sources appropriately by using MLA documentation. Paraphrasing, directly referring to a source, and summarizing require documentation.

### Attendance Policy

Attending school regularly is necessary for comprehension of instruction and information. Classroom participation improves retention of facilitated information. Failure to attend class denies the student the opportunity to fully engage in the learning process.

### Homework Policy:

- All homework shall be assigned in order to provide practice opportunities for skill attainment and mastery.
- Students are expected to submit all homework assignments in a timely manner.
- All assignments must be neatly done and reflect time and effort.

**Student Responsibilities:**

- Students are expected to adhere to all rules and guidelines dictated by the Student Handbook for the Henry County School System.
- Students will have all necessary materials everyday including completed homework assignments.
- Students are expected to arrive to class on time.
- Students are expected to pay attention and participate in all classroom activities and discussions.
- Assignments may require access to technology; it is up to the student to make sure that he/she uses technology available in the classroom, the study lab, or the media center if technology is not available at home.

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**Student's Signature**

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**Parent/ Guardian's Signature**