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# AMERICAN LITERATURE

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## Course Description

English III examines American literature. Using literature from the text and outside reading, we will see the impact of oral tradition, the birth of a country, and watch the merging history and creativity.

This course will cover several examples of Native American mythology, Puritanism, Classicism, American Romanticism, Realism, and the Harlem Renaissance are some of the units in this course. We will work with journal entries, poetry, a sermon, copies of various speeches, political documents, autobiographies, plays, and several fictional works of varying lengths will be covered. We will also write during this course, including the required Junior Paper.

Each unit will have, at least, one major test, several quizzes, journals, writing assignments, and potential research. We will also study grammar, DGP, and vocabulary. Weekly quizzes will be given for DGP and vocabulary.

I prefer a notebook for this course to be kept. This needs to be something that is for this class only as I may take it up to grade at least once during each grading period. A small binder with loose leaf paper and divider tabs is preferred.

## Grading Policy

Classwork/Homework: 20%

Quizzes: 25%

Projects: 25%

Tests: 30%

Final Semester Grade:

1st 9 weeks-40%

2nd 9 weeks-40%

Final Exam-20%



## Classroom Guidelines

- Come to class Prepared and ON Time
- Tardies DO count-Refer to Student Handbook
- EXCESSIVE Tardies have consequences
- Take care of what you need to do BEFORE class. -Examples: Bathroom, see another teacher, counselor, coach, Chromebook Help Desk, etc.
- Bring a Chromebook/laptop every day and the charger for it.
- Be Respectful of EVERYONE and EVERYTHING in the classroom
- We will follow the District Cell Phone policy in the Student Handbook.
- Disruptions will be handled as needed. If it warrants, an administrator will be contacted.
- Do NOT sleep in class. This is a disruption and will not be tolerated.
- Assigned Seats will be given. Your location depends on your behavior.
- No food in class and only drinks with lids will be allowed. This means no can drinks. You are responsible for any mess incurred.

**You will work hard this semester.**

**You will be held to high expectations. Why?**

**Because YOU CAN do it!**

**Do not be afraid to ask for help.**

**Believe in YOURself!**

I have read this syllabus and if I have questions I will discuss with Mrs. Martin for clarification.

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Best way to contact home:

## Make-up Work vs Late Work

**Make-up Work:** This is work you have missed due to an absence in my class.

If you have an EXCUSED absence, you have THREE days from the date of the absence to make-up your work. It is YOUR responsibility to check to see what you missed.

**Late Work:** This is work that was assigned and you made the choice not to complete it or not to turn it in when it was due.

You need to make arrangements with me prior to the beginning of class if you did not complete an assignment. If something comes up that is beyond your control and prevents you from completing the work, I need to know ASAP. Sports and work do not factor into this category. You can send an email or call the school, yes, even at 1:30am, and leave a voice message at my extension.

20 points deducted per day for five days. After that, it will not be accepted. Extenuating Circumstances? You must talk to me.

Sleep during a quiz or test? You are woken up ONE time. After that, you will receive a Zero.

Forgot about a test or quiz so you sign out? You will be given a different version on the day you return to class. You will make this up during Spartan Flex, before or after school, but not during class.