



American Literature and Composition (English 11A) Syllabus

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Class Description

American Literature and Composition is a semester-long reading and writing course that includes standards-based instruction centered on recurrent themes and genres in United States Literature from the colonial period to the present and reflects on the diversity of American Life. Students read and respond to historically or culturally significant works of literature that reflect and enhance their studies of history and social science. The philosophical approach is the focus for the eleventh grade, as students analyze the philosophical arguments presented in literary works to determine whether the authors' positions have contributed to the quality of each work and the credibility of characters. As a means of developing the critical thinking and communication skills necessary for the demands of college and work, students will engage in discussion to prepare oral and written arguments that provide all relevant perspectives and consider the validity and reliability of sources.

In this course, there is a concentrated focus on writing. Students are expected to write and revise a minimum of six academic compositions within the eleventh-grade year. Students will apply and refine their command of the writing process and writing conventions to produce narrative, persuasive, expository, and descriptive texts of at least 1,500 words each. This course meets one semester of the basic eleventh-grade English requirement for graduation and satisfies a B Requirement of the UC/CSU Subject Area Requirements (A-G).

Grading Scale		Grade Weights (same for 9-12)	
90-100%	A	Class Participation (class work, discussion)	20%
80-89%	B	Essays/Projects	30%
70-79%	C	Homework	10%
60-69%	D	Quizzes/Tests	10%
<60%	F	Accelerated Reader	10%
		Midterms/Finals	20%

Reading Selections:

Teachers will select non-fiction, fiction, poetry, dramatic, and visual texts. Selections will include, but are not limited to the following themes:

First Semester:

- Identity
- Morality
- War and Peace

Important Dates:

**All dates are subject to change

First Semester:

- Midterms & IABs: 10/10/16 – 10/14/16 (Week 9)
- STEM Night: 11/17/16
- Thanksgiving Week: 11/21/16 – 11/25 (Week 15) ** Expect Homework!!!
- Finals: 12/12/16 – 12/16/16 (Week 18)

Supplies Needed

- Lined Paper
- Blue or Black Ink Pens
- Highlighters

Classroom Rules*

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

*These guidelines compliment the WAPHS school rules and policies students are expected to follow. Consequences will follow the school wide positive behavioral support plan.

Homework Policy

Students are expected to do all assigned homework.

Late Work

Students are expected to complete all tasks on time. Late work will be accepted for half-credit, maximum. Earning half-credit is the same as 50%, which is a fail. Please be sure to complete **and turn in** assignments on time!

Make Up Policy

According to LAUSD policy, “a student returning to school from an ‘**excused**’ absence shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be **reasonably provided** and, upon satisfactory completion **within a reasonable period of time**, shall be given full credit therefore. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine the tests and assignments reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the test and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.” **Please note, discussions and other types of class participation cannot be made up. It is important that you are in class every day.**

Plagiarism and Cheating

Students are expected to be honest about all assignments turned in class. Any student caught plagiarizing or cheating will receive zero points for that assignment. Any student assisting another student to cheat will also receive zero points for that assignment. Students will not be allowed to make up the grade for any work done dishonestly.

If you have questions, ask! Students or parents may leave a message with the school at (323) 373-2500 or send an email to Mrs. Stockwell at elb4725@lausd.net.

Please feel free to schedule a classroom visit or call to arrange a meeting anytime. Expect your student to periodically have homework. If your student says he/she never has homework, please contact us. We look forward to working with your child this year and hope to meet you soon.

Parent Name: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Parent Contact Info (phone/email): _____

Student Name: _____ **Student Signature:** _____