# English | | 2020-2021



Let me tell you something about this class. American Literature was designed with the college-bound junior in mind. Using a timeline approach, students will examine our nation's major writers, starting with authors from the colonial period, and ending with modern day literature. The literature we study will enhance reading comprehension, build vocabulary, encourage discussion, and provide another means of looking at the world.

This course utilizes a class textbook, *Adventures in American Literature*, and several full-length novels/dramas that include: The Crucible, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, To Kill a Mockingbird, Of Mice and Men, The Great Gatsby, and Fahrenheit 451. Class will also focus on the historical and cultural events surrounding our literature study.

Please read over my classroom policies, then you and your parents should sign the form, take a photo of it, and upload it to your Schoology class page by Friday, September 18, 2020



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Room 220 & 207(Broadcasting)



By appointment

Required Texts and Links

Schoology:

Period 2

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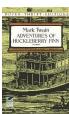


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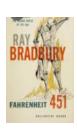
#### Period 6

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### Submit Assignments

on time (morning) on the due date (-5 per day, up to 3 days. >3 = 0) \*If you were here for a review but missed a test, plan on making that test up when you return. Being absent one day means you have one day to make up work.



### Read Material

Divide up reading assignments into manageable chunks. Read pages by the due date.



# Participate in Class

Participate in discussions, answer questions, and always be respectful. Class discussions are meant to be fun, insightful, civil, and sometimes sober.

Actively Learn: If we should go all remote at some point, I may use an established site that will have the PDFs of novels (along with questions). A link will be provided in your Schoology lessons folder.

## Any more ways to be successful in this class?



#### Be on Time & Prepared

Come to class on time (tardiness reported after 1<sup>st</sup> full week) with your textbook and charged laptop. (\*I will not have extra books or tech, including charging cables) Remain seated until the bell. \*Have a pass if late.

#### I know stuff comes up, but success is a choice. Make it yours by doing the following:

Avoid distractions in class (cell phones, talking when I'm explaining something, etc.). •If you're confused, ask for help
Save all assignments on your laptop **before** loading them into Schoology. •Expect quizzes following a reading assignment. •Ask for a library pass during my study hall (Period 7) for the next day.

• If you are absent, check Schoology for missed assignments. Don't talk over others. Raise your hand. •Always bring your book to class unless I tell you otherwise. ● Any plagiarized assignment = 50% for 1st offense, and 0 thereafter. A positive attitude goes along way. So does kindness and respect. Remember this when contacting me or talking with your classmates.



Being able to present and share ideas is an important skill to learn for the "real world." You will have several formal presentations throughout the year, and you will use Microsoft Word, Google docs, and PowerPoint to do so. You may choose your presentation times, but once you select a date/time, you may not be able to make your presentation on a day other than your sign up-date. Excused absences are the only other reason for missing your presentation date. You may complete the presentation at an alternate date and time set up by me for half credit.

Class Materials: Charged laptop, Class notebook (or 3-ring binder), Class folder, Textbook, Pen or pencil.

# Speaking of





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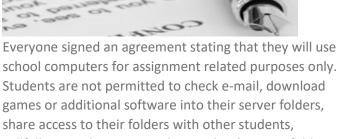
When you enter my room, your cellphone and earbuds are out of sight.

This will be the same no matter what classroom you are in, so I will:

- ask you to put your phone away, mark it in my plan book if this is time #1
- ask you to put your phone on my desk until the end of the period and contact parents if this is
- ask you to put your phone on my desk and submit a write-up for the office if this is time

\*I keep my phone on vibrate and in my school satchel too...

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games or additional software into their server folders, willfully cause harm to another student's server folder, willfully harm a classroom computer or a piece of computer related equipment, impersonate another user, attempt to use instant messaging, or to use the network to access obscene material or for inappropriate language. Students caught doing any of the above will have their computer privileges revoked for any length of time.

Grading Scale: A= 93%

B= 85-92% C= 77-84%

D= 70-76% F= Below 70%



Codes in gradebook: M (Missing-counted as 0 until made up, and used if you are absent on assignment due date); C (Collected but not graded yet), I (Incomplete-used for missed work due to extended absences); Ex (Exempt-student does not have to complete assignment)