

## English 10 Course Syllabus

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### Course Description:

The study of American Literature will involve reading, analyzing, discussing, and writing about various genres, themes, techniques, and historical eras of American Literature from the origins of our country up to the modern day. The first semester of this class will cover literature from the beginnings of our country up until the Civil War period of the mid-1800s. The second semester of this class will cover the post-Civil War era through modern time. In addition to the literature and the assignments associated with it, we will also have grammar lessons. In an effort to consistently improve our vocabulary, we will have weekly vocabulary lessons centered around words united by a common theme. Writing will also play a large role in our class activities. Students will be expected to write using fact and/or opinion about the various themes and literary material presented in class.

### Texts:

- *Perfection Learning: American Voices*
- *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller
- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

### Evaluation Criteria:

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition uses a straight scale that begins at ninety-three (93) percent for an "A." Grades are based on total points, which include homework, quizzes (announced and unannounced), tests, papers, journals, and participation. Students who participate tend to do better in class than those who do not. If a student misses a class period, a zero will go in the gradebook until the work is made up.

### Grading Scale:

100-93 is an A	73-76 is a C
90-92 is an A-	70-72 is a C-
87-89 is a B+	67-69 is a D+
83-86 is a B	63-66 is a D
80-82 is a B-	60-62 is a D-
77-79 is a C+	0-59 is an E

Students who fail my classes generally do so because they do not turn in work/make-up. This is especially true for people with many absences because they tend not to make up work within the time limit.

Sault Area High School employs a semester grading system with report cards issued to students four (4) times during the course of the school year. A marking period is approximately nine (9) weeks. Final grades are calculated on a semester basis. Final grade calculation is based on forty (40) percent for each of two (2) marking periods and twenty (20) percent for the final exam.

### **Homework Policy:**

Homework is to be turned in on the day it is due. Late work is accepted. Late work is not graded right away, but will be before progress reports/report cards.

### **Make-up Work:**

While attendance in school is understood to be a major indicator of student success, there will be times when a student will be absent. It is your responsibility to obtain make-up work and complete it in a timely manner.

**Plagiarism** is cheating and cheating is stealing. If a student is found to have plagiarized an assignment, that assignment will receive a zero.

### **Google Classroom**

I will be utilizing Google Classroom for various activities. It will not be used everyday, but will be used to upload notes, online texts, assignments for absent students, posting important reminders/information, turn in space for essays, etc.

### **Classroom Expectations:**

1. Because there are rules for socially acceptable behavior, students are expected to abide by all rules in the Parent/Student Handbook.
2. As so others are not distracted, students should not use phones or any other device during class. This includes wearing ear buds. Students will be asked to place their device/devices in a basket at the front of the room.. If an assignment requires their device/earbuds, it will be handed back. If I see a phone in use or visibly out:
  - a. First offense, I will confiscate it for the hour.
  - b. Second offense, I will confiscate it for the day.
  - c. Third offense, I will turn it into the office.
3. For sustained learning, students are expected to be on time to class and to be prepared (e.g. pencil, notebook, text, and assignment). On time means that you are at your seat and ready to begin the bell-ringer assignment. Having a folder to keep assignments, notes, etc. in is recommended.

4. For their safety, students are expected to stay in their assigned seats until the bell rings at the end of the hour. Do not line up at the door.
5. Because you can't learn if you're not in the classroom, students are expected to be in the classroom during the course period.
6. Because the world runs more smoothly when people are cordial, students are expected to be polite and respectful. That means using appropriate language in the classroom for discussion and personal conversations as well as not talking to classmates across the classroom or leaving one's seat without permission.
7. As the classroom is organized and efficient, there will be a seating chart, and students will be expected to sit in their assigned seats during the class period.
8. Because students need to be responsible for their actions, students are expected to retrieve and complete all work from days absent in a timely manner. Students are expected to retrieve make-up work either before or after school or during work time, not during teacher or student directed activity or lecture.
9. Students are expected to turn in assignments on time (that is when they are due). Students should always submit work. Remember, some grades are better than no grade.
10. Students are expected to pay attention in class.
11. Making mistakes is normal and everyone should have the opportunity to learn from them. Assignments, tests, quizzes, and essays can be retaken for a better grade.
12. It's important to know who did the work; therefore, student name, hour, and the date should be at the top right-hand corner of all work.
13. SmartPass is our sign in/sign out system. The expectation is that students will sign out with the SmartPass system. If a student fails to do so or lies about their location, that is considered skipping and the student will be given a referral.

### **Class Schedule:**

- 1st hour (8:00—8:55) English 10
- 2nd hour (9:00—9:50) English 10
- 3rd hour (9:55—10:45) English 10
- 4th hour (10:50—11:40) English 11
- 5th hour (11:45—1:10) Conference Period**
- 6th hour (1:15—2:05) English 11
- 7th hour (2:10—3:00) Honors English 9