## Ringgold High School

## **American Literature: 11<sup>th</sup> Honors English**

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**Catoosa County Vision:** CCPS will be a nationally recognized learning community whose graduates are prepared for

tomorrow's challenges.

**School Mission**: To empower our students with academic excellence.

**Course Description:** The main objectives of 11<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English are to improve writing skills and to improve

reading skills. Students will write extensively as well as read different types of literary

selections. This course will trace the development of American literature beginning with Native American literature and ending with modern literature, examining the historical context of each

selection.

The American literature course has an EOCT given at the end of the semester which will count as

the students' final exam grade. Also, 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Georgia High School

Writing Test in the fall.

**Curriculum:** Students will study a variety of literary genres during the semester. Authors studied include

Jonathan Edwards, Arthur Miller, Washington Irving, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Edgar Allen Poe, William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, Mark Twain, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and others. Assessments for the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards include extensive written assignments, discussions, presentations, group projects, and

observations. A formal program of vocabulary study will also be used.

**Required Materials:** Acquire the following materials: loose leaf notebook paper, a three-ringed binder with dividers,

blue or black ink pens (**no** other colors accepted), pencil, one pack of 3 x 5 white, lined index cards, various outside novels, access to email, access to a computer with **Microsoft Word** and

access to a <u>printer</u>. A flash drive is also highly recommended. **5 Notebook dividers:** Vocabulary, Grammar, MWDS, Literature (includes notes & handouts), Writing

(includes notes, handouts, organizers, & in-process essays), & Graded Work (6<sup>th</sup> divider or

belongs in the back of your notebook).

**Homework:** Please expect homework nightly!!! The majority of homework will consist of reading and

studying along with various writing assignments. Please respect all deadlines and refrain from using excuses such as: "I had company last night," or "I had band practice," or "I play sports," or "I had to go to youth group," or "My computer is broken." All assignments have adequate time

allotted for completion well before the due date. \*Parents, please initial: \_

Outside Reading: Students will be required to read two (2) novels in addition to the daily reading done for class.

Students must choose the novels from the AP suggested reading list. These novels will be

assessed in the form of an *in-class* writing assignment.

Writing Portfolio: Students will be required to produce a variety of writing samples which will measure

achievement and ability. The evidence in the writing portfolio will be a determiner for

recommendation to AP Literature and Composition.

Honors Late Work Policy: Late work will NOT be accepted. Assignments must be ON TIME, EVERY TIME! Turning

in late work and producing poor quality work are unbecoming behaviors for an honor student to

display. Extenuating circumstances must be just that...extenuating! \*Parents, please initial:

Attendance:	Students are <b>required</b> to be at school! It is the parent/guardians' responsibility to see that students are in school every day and on time every day. Board policy allows five (5) days for emergency absences ONLY (illness, bereavement, etc.). Attendance is <b>REQUIRED</b> !	
Make-up Work:	All make-up work is the responsibility of the student and must be completed in accordance with the policies set forth by the Catoosa County Board of Education (see handbook).	
Parent Notification:	Each parent/guardian will be contacted a minimum of 4 times during each semester. Every 4½ weeks, a progress report or a report card will be sent home via the student. Other contacts may be made on an <i>as needed</i> basis only. Parents will also have web access to <i>Infinite Campus</i> . Please note: English teachers require additional time to post essay grades as the grading time is immense.	
Infinite Campus:	Infinite Campus enhances communication between parents/guardians and teachers, allowing them to be informed and proactive in their child's education. The Campus Portal provides real-time student data including attendance and grades. Download the free Infinite Campus Mobile Portal application from an app store. The Catoosa County District ID is MTXVCZ	
		ound at <a href="https://campus.catoosa.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/catoosa.jsp">https://campus.catoosa.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/catoosa.jsp</a> .  I at <a href="http://media.infinitecampus.com/public/html/mobile/index.html">http://media.infinitecampus.com/public/html/mobile/index.html</a> .
Grading:	Grades will be determined through a variety of assessments including quizzes, literature responses, formal essays, research paper, class presentations, class discussions, writing portfolio, vocabulary tests, multiple-choice exams, and essay tests.	
	Grade for Nine Weeks	50% Daily work (homework, quizzes, essays, etc.) 50% Tests/performance tasks
	Grade for Semester	40% Grade for 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks 40% Grade for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks 20% End-of-Course Test
Pre and Post Tests:	Students will be tested at the beginning, middle, and end of the course in the form of a diagnostic writing essay and/or a Common Core Georgia Performance Standards-based examination.	
Honesty Policy:	It is essential that you complete your own work for this course. All work completed in this class must be your own. All writing must reflect your own original ideas unless documented otherwise in your paper. It is never acceptable to copy from the internet, steal from a previous student's portfolio or computer files, or allow your parent or anyone else to write any portion of a paper for you. Plagiarism in any form is a serious offense and is insulting to intellectuals, scholars, and all of academia.	
Academic Awards:	At the end of the school year, academic honors may be awarded for both semesters in the following categories: <i>Highest Average in American Literature and Composition</i> (1-2), <i>Excellence in Literary Analysis</i> (1-2), and <i>Excellence in Literary Writing</i> (1-2).	
Acknowledgments:	We have read the syllabus and understand the requirements for success.	
Student Signature:	Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:

\*Homework **EVERY** night, attendance is required, 4 contacts per semester, all work ON TIME, EVERY TIME, and no plagiarism. PACE is the key to success...pace...pac