

American Literature

Flathead High School

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Welcome to American Literature!

This semester we will be focusing on:

- Critical thinking skills
- Writing essays
- Constructing arguments based on textual evidence
- The analysis of drama, visual media, and prose.
- Individual Oral Presentations
- Socratic Seminars

We will be reading:

- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Student choice play

Expectations:

Your class will be expected to advance through a rigorous course focused on textual analysis, participation in group discussions, and the creation and support of higher level theses. In addition to this all students are expected to be on time, prepared, and respectful.

Supplies

1. A small notebook (8x11 paper only) specifically to be used as your journal for class.
2. The text we are currently studying.
3. **Both** a pen and pencil
4. Paper to write on that does not come from your journal

Grading Scale

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+
100-97%	96-94%	93-90%	89-87%	86-84%	83-80%	79-77%
C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	
76-74%	73-70%	69-67%	66-64%	63-60%	59-0%	

Late Assignments

Assignments that are not turned in on time will lose 3 percentage points for each school day it's late, not exceeding 30 percentage points. If you have extenuating circumstances that may cause an assignment to be late please talk to me BEFORE THE DUE DATE and we can try to work something out. Please note that sporting events, birthday parties, and other social events do not constitute extenuating circumstances.

No late assignments will be accepted after the final assessment for a unit. For example I will not accept work from Huck Finn after the final paper is due.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are wonderful pieces of technology that can connect you to vast amounts of information in an instant. Unfortunately they are also causes of great distraction and therefore need to be out of sight and on silent unless you are instructed otherwise. Cell phones that are used at inappropriate times will be confiscated until the end of class. Repeated violations will result in the phone going to the main office where a parent/guardian must retrieve it.

Keys for success

1. Stay in contact.
 - My email is at the top of this syllabus and I highly recommend that you use it. I would much rather respond to an email at 10:30 at night than have you come to class not understanding what you read last night.
 - Join the class remind. Text @g9egc9 to 81010
 - Check the website for info on days you missed or handouts you may have lost
2. Try your best
3. Be respectful
4. Come to class prepared to learn

I _____ the parent/guardian of _____ have

read the syllabus for Mrs. Nordwall's American Literature class and I understand the expectations my students will be held to.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature