

10th English Syllabus 2009-2010

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Required Materials

- Literature textbook (will be assigned)
- Grammar workbook (will be assigned)
- Supplies from the supply list
- Current novel (will be assigned)

About the Course

This course is entitled American Literature and focuses on pre-twentieth century American literature, paralleling students' study of early American history, thus enabling them to gain a better understanding of the relationships between the literature read and the history of the United States and the world before the twentieth century. Students will also learn narrative, persuasive, and expository writing. Students will become familiar with writing styles through the study of short stories, poetry, nonfiction, the novel, and Shakespearean tragedy. Vocabulary and grammar will be studied as well. Students will prepare for the graduation exam and the Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing that they will take this spring.

Grading System

Tests and Quizzes—65%

Daily Homework and classwork—25%

Participation Grade (includes daily attendance, behavior, preparedness, etc.)—10%

Bellwork

Bellwork is assigned every day. We will review the bellwork procedure in class.

Homework

When homework is assigned, it must be turned in at the beginning of the class period.

Late Assignments

All assignments must be turned in on time. Late work will **not** be accepted! *Continuous failure to turn in assignments on time will drastically impact your grade.*

Make-Up Work, Quizzes, and Tests

It is your responsibility to complete all make-up work in the event of an absence. If absent, your assignment is due on the day you return to class. To receive full credit, your absence must be excused through the office. The same is true if you miss a test. Make-up tests and quizzes will not be given during class time. Makeup tests will be given before and after school each Tuesday and Thursday. . . plan accordingly. Place all make-up work in the basket after attaching a Make-up Assignment Form to it.

Class Website

We will use several websites for class. The main website will be www.ccboe.org/faculty/CHilton/index.html. You will be provided the url's of additional sites at a later date.

Accelerated Reader

Each nine weeks you will be required to acquire Accelerated Reader points. These points will count as two test grades each nine weeks. I will regularly schedule library days for the class to renew books, check out new books,

and take AR tests. If you need to go to the library any other time, *you should find time to do this on your own*. You will be given a list of AR dates and point totals.

Extra Credit

Do not come to me and ask for extra credit. I will tell you if and when these opportunities are available.

Classroom Behavior

In addition to following all school rules in the Cullman County Handbook, pay special attention to the following classroom rules:

- When the bell rings, you should already be in your assigned seat, ready to begin bellwork. If you are walking through the door as the bell rings, you are tardy. If you are tardy, sign your name on the clipboard by the door. *Remember: 3 tardies=1 absence!*
- Bring all books and materials to class. This includes textbook, AR book, pen, paper, etc.
- Respect others by keeping your hands and property to yourself. *Disrespect of any kind will not be tolerated.*
- Do not bring food, drinks, or gum into the classroom unless you have been given permission.
- Cheating on tests, quizzes, etc. will not be tolerated and will result in a grade of zero and a referral to administration.

Leaving the Classroom

As the teacher is legally responsible for all students during class time, no student is to leave the room without permission once class has begun.

- Students who leave class *without* permission will be marked absent and referred to the office. *Remember: 3 tardies=1 absence!*
- You will receive six hall passes per nine weeks to use in case you absolutely must leave the room. After these passes have been used, you may not leave the room.
- Plan so that you do NOT have to leave class. Take care of water fountain and restroom visits and phone calls before or after class in order to avoid distracting other students by unnecessary disruptions during class time.
- Any time you leave the room, you must take a hall pass with you and sign out at the door.

Participation Grade

The key to success and good grades in school is attendance. If you are not here and prepared, you cannot learn what is being taught. Therefore, you will receive a participation grade each day. You will receive points for each day that you are present and prepared. This will count as a grade each nine weeks.

If you work hard, if you turn in your assignments on time, and if you try, **YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS CLASS!**
I want you to succeed!

I am available for questions after school and before school. Any student or parent who wishes to see me should schedule an appointment. Most problems can be solved and questions answered when you calmly communicate with me. You may also email me about school-related concerns.

Please sign and date below to show that you have read and understand the syllabus for Mrs. Hilton's 10th English class. By signing, you agree to abide by the rules and expected behaviors set forth in this syllabus. **Return this portion of the syllabus to Mrs. Hilton by Friday, August 14th to receive 5 bonus points on your first test grade.**

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian comments _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Address _____

Phone _____ (cell)

_____ (work)

_____ (home)

Email Address _____



(If you need to contact Mrs. Hilton, email is the most efficient way to do so, although you may also call the school or home numbers located on the business card you received.)