Overton High School

English III Syllabus

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Textbooks: *Pearson*

*My Perspectives - American Literature*

Goals to be Accomplished

1. The students will be able to recognize, demonstrate, and analyze the qualities of effective formal and informal communication.

2. The students will learn to utilize a variety of reading strategies to comprehend, interpret, analyze, and evaluate the content of printed texts.

3. The student will be able to write for different audiences and purposes.

4. The student will learn to utilize technology and other research resources to attain, ascertain, document, and present accurate information.

Class materials

-laptop

-paper

-pencil/pen (blue or black)

Class expectations

1. Take responsibility for your actions.

2. Always put forth your best effort.

3. Pay attention, participate and ask questions.

Class Rules

1. Speak and act respectfully.

2. Take ownership of your education.

3. Bring required materials to every class (i.e. your laptop).

4. Follow all OHS rules (i.e. cell phones and dress code).

Possible Texts:

Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson

Preamble to the Constitution, Governor Morris

Bill of Rights, James Madison

from The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, Olaudah Equiano

from Nature, Ralph Waldo Emerson

from Self-Reliance, Ralph Waldo Emerson

from Walden, Henry David Thoreau

from Civil Disobedience, Henry David Thoreau

Short Story: A Wagner Matinee, Willa Cather

Short Story: The Story of an Hour

from Life on the Mississippi

A White Heron

from Dust Tracks on a Road

The Great Gatsby

Classroom Operating Procedures

15/15 Rule

Do not ask to leave the room until after the first 15 minutes of class or during the last 15 minutes of class. Leaving the classroom means that you are missing instruction; you are responsible for whatever you miss while you are gone. If you abuse the privilege to leave the room, you will lose that privilege for a set number of weeks.

Make-up Work

Make-up is only for students who miss school. It is the responsibility of the student to ask the teacher for the work that he/she missed during absenteeism. Please do not ask for work during class change. Students who skip class will not receive make-up work. If a student misses a test, they will need to come after school to make it up.

Cell Phones

This class will operate using a professional cell phone usage policy. When there is a speaker addressing the class or an assignment to complete, there should be ZERO cell phone usage. When students are asked to use a cell phone to complete a class activity, they should be on the correct platform.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted, but 60 will be the HIGHEST possible grade for the assignment.

After School Tutoring

Tutoring will be Tuesdays from 2:30 - 3:30.

Plagiarism Policy

Per the student handbook, plagiarism will not be tolerated. A student accused of plagiarism will be provided copies of proper documentation. The assignment will be recorded as an “F.”

Grading:

Homework – 10%

Class Participation – 5%

Classwork – 35%

Projects/Presentations – 10%

Assessments – 40%

MSCS grading scale

A 90 - 100

B 80 - 89

C 70 - 79

D 60 - 69

F 59 and below

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