English III Syllabus

PRIMARY TEXTS: My Perspectives Texas English III

An assortment of novels

PURPOSE OF ENGLISH III: The main purpose of English III is to introduce you to an

Overview of American literature, how it has affected our heritage

today, and in doing so prepare you for using those academic skills

needed in taking test and the writing skills needed in college or the

workplace. The concentration of this course is to succeed in writing

about literature, enhance your reading skills, and to give you the

confidence you will need for your future. Your evaluation will be

through writing assignments, tests, class projects, and class

participation.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

1 black or blue pen

Loose-leaf standard paper (needed at certain times)

**Chrome Book every day!**

**SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR: (ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!)**

**FIRST SIX WEEKS:** UNIT ONE: Exploration, The Colonial Period, and Puritanism

1. Assorted Readings:
2. Puritanism and its place in American History: Research notes.
3. Background for Arthur Miller’s play - *The Crucible*
4. Nathaniel Hawthorne’s novel *The Scarlet Letter*

**SECOND SIX WEEKS:** UNIT TWO: The American Spirit/Romanticism and Transcendentalism

1. Timeline: 6.5 weeks
2. Readings: Nathaniel Hawthorne’s novel *The Scarlet Letter*” and James Fennimore Cooper’s The Last of the Mohicans

**THIRD SIX WEEKS**: UNIT THREE: Continue The American Spirit

Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird **Outside Reading Book Analysis Due (December 13th).**

**FOURTH SIX WEEKS**: Research over a famous American author.

**FIFTH SIX WEEKS**: Continue To Kill a Mockingbird.

F. Scott Fitzgerald’s The Great Gatsby Outside **Reading Book Analysis: Due (April 10th).**

**SIXTH SIX WEEKS**: Complete The Great Gatsby. **Possible end of year project.**

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**:

1. Since each of you will have a Google Chromebook, we will be using Google Classroom each day, whether you are in the classroom or at home; you will be expected to complete any work on the same date the assignment is due. **You will be expected to bring your Chromebook to class** **each day along with your charger!**
2. With each unit of study, you will be expected to take notes on your Chromebook on a document before I lecture on that unit; however, there will be times that I will give you a copy of the notes and tell you what to highlight!
3. With any area of study, such as novel, epic poem, play, etc., you will be expected to summarize on a document in Google Classroom each section (chapter, acts, etc.) and turn in on the exact due date as well as compose a five paragraph essaydf.
4. With most everything we study, we will watch a film that goes with that unit of study; therefore, you will be expected to apply what you learn from that film to whatever essay topic you choose. If you ever choose to sleep during that particular film, points will be deducted from your assignment!
5. You will be expected to participate in at least one major group projects during the year.
6. You will be expected to complete an outside reading book analysis form report for that reading assignment during the **3rd 6 weeks** and the **5th 6 weeks of the year.**
7. You will be given two grades for an essay assignment: a grammar grade and a content grade and those two grades weigh in as two daily grades and two test grades. For each grammar mistake, I deduct 2 ½ pts. (It will be for your benefit to take the time to revise your paper and even more beneficial if I revise your paper; this means you will need to set up a time for me to do so!
8. I expect you to be courteous and respectful to me and everyone else in my classroom.
9. I expect you to show integrity (the qualifications of being honest and having strong moral principles) at all times.