

English 10 Honors
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Course focus: Understanding and Appreciating Literature

Essential Questions:

How does literature inform us about the human experience?

How does a writer's style and craft influence our reading of a text?

Course Reading may include:

Of Mice and Men, The Catcher in the Rye, The Old Man and the Sea, Much Ado About Nothing, Ethan Frome, Lord of the Flies, A Thousand Clowns, The Glass Menagerie, The Bell Jar, A Raisin in the Sun, The House on Mango Street and supplemental texts and selected stories, short excerpts and poems.

Required supplies to be brought to class every day:

Required texts, a folder for holding all journal entries and student notebooks.

Course Grade=

25% journal writing, homework and class participation (collected at the teacher's discretion); all journal entries and homework assignments should be completed AS assigned (While journal collection is not daily, there will be spot checks.)

35% Tests, quizzes and "quests"

40% Essays and projects

Course Policies:

Participation

Participation in the class is an assumed requirement and points will automatically be deducted from the final course grade for students who do not participate productively in class. Active participation in class requires that you are prepared for class. This means all assigned readings, journal readings and activities must be completed according to due dates in order to contribute to class discussions.

Assignment Due Dates

All assignments must be handed in on time. When possible, the teacher should be notified *in advance* of the due date if there is a problem or difficulty. Any assignment handed in after the due date without a valid reason (excused absence) will automatically lose points from the final grade on the assignment. If the assignment is not handed in within three class days, it will receive a failing grade.

Student-Teacher Meetings

If a student is in need of extra-help, he or she should see the teacher during the designated "Academy Period" or see the teacher to schedule an appointment.

Grading

All major writing assignments will be evaluated based on course rubrics. The purpose of the rubrics is to help students improve; they should be used as a guide for future writing.

Classroom Rules:

Arrive on time and prepared to work.

Be *ready* for class and silent when the bell rings.

Have respect for anyone in the class who is speaking and his/her opinion, even if it differs from yours.

Raise your hand to be acknowledged and participate in discussions.

Ask questions when clarification is needed.

If you are absent for any reason, find out what you missed *immediately* and make up any delinquent assignments. It is the **student's responsibility** to contact the teacher to find out what was missed including any quizzes or tests. (Failure to make up any quizzes or tests within three days following absence will result in a zero.)