



South Paulding High School American Literature and Composition Course Syllabus



NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change without prior notice

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Course description and objectives:

American Literature is a survey course designed to introduce high school students to different genres of American Literature. Students will read and study a variety of short stories, essays, plays, poems, and novels from different time periods in American history. Students will learn to analyze poetry for meaning and literary devices. They will recognize the relationship between historical events and major time periods in American Literature. They will expand their vocabulary, develop grammar skills, and practice writing in Standard American English. They will advance their writing skills by writing about literature and life in persuasive essays; several essays will be written. (You may access the specific standards and objectives of this course at <http://www.georgiastandards.org>).

Texts:

Provided texts will be selections from our textbook, as well as classroom novels such as but not limited to: *The Crucible*, *Walden*, *The Great Gatsby*, and/ or *Of Mice and Men* may all be considered.

Suggested Materials:

Folder or binder dedicated to my class only, Post-It Notes, Hi-Liters, Loose-leaf paper, writing implements

Grading: Late Work will be penalized 10 points PER DAY LATE and will not be accepted after two weeks from due date. This is the SPHS English Department policy. Recovery Policy (Summatives): It is your responsibility to see me regarding POTENTIAL recovery, and this must be done within two weeks of the summative assessment or the original grade will remain.

Formative Grades (Classwork, quizzes, etc.): 29%

Summative Grades (Tests, papers, etc.): 71%

→→→ Georgia Milestone: 20%

Academic Honesty:

Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, cheating, and fabrication, will not be tolerated. If outside sources are ever used, **you must give an appropriate citation using MLA style**. Academic dishonesty will result in a 0 on the assignment and a discipline referral. A make-up assignment may be considered, with a score of 50 being the highest grade possible.