

Honors Contemporary Literature
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Course Description

Honors Contemporary Literature is an elective, college-prep literature class in which students read, write, and discuss various pieces of literature in depth. Literature selections will be from various genres, such as novels, short stories, news articles, poems, and even pictures. Students will write both MLA and APA papers. In addition, students will be writing an in-depth, APA style research paper. Students will often work in groups, as do most people in their careers; they are expected to fully participate and do their part of the work. Students are required to have instructor approval from their English teacher to be in the class, and expectations are high.

The content of Contemporary Literature is rigorous, and it is extremely important that students do not miss class and that they stay focused on top of their work and fully participate in all classroom activities. We cover a large amount of material daily; being present and active in class directly affects students' success in this class. I fully expect students to come to class prepared in every way, to behave in a manner that does not inhibit learning for themselves or for their classmates, and to be active learners every day.

Classroom Expectations

To achieve success in Contemporary Literature, students are fully expected to:

- Attend class daily, missing only when absolutely necessary
- Come to class mentally prepared to learn and work every day and equipped with all necessary items
- Complete every assignment every time punctually and to the best of their abilities.
- Spend the appropriate amount of time outside of class studying and completing assignments
- Be alert and participatory in class every day, being an active learner
- Quickly and independently make up any assignments
- Be cooperative with peers and teacher in class every day
- Independently keep an organized and complete class notebook

The instructor can be fully expected to:

- Attend class regularly, missing only when absolutely necessary
- Come to class both mentally and physically prepared
- Be fully present and active in class daily, ready to both assist students when necessary and push students when needed.

Tutoring sessions will be available at specified times.

Supply List

- 3-ring binder with dividers to be used for this class only. Students will independently determine how best to divide up the notebook to serve his/her needs.
- Plenty of wide-ruled paper
- Pens (blue or black only) and pencils
- A pack of highlighters (minimum of 4)
- Additional 3-ring notebook (1 inch) and dividers (approximately 10-12) to be used for APA style research paper. I will give you warning when this will be necessary. BE PREPARED! Points will be deducted from research paper assignments if you do not have this when instructed.

Grade Distribution

APA research project

Reading quizzes

Selected grammar lessons as necessary

Smaller assignments/projects

Papers (both MLA and APA)

Final Exam (for those not exempt according to PHS handbook guidelines)

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