

Literature and Composition 9 Honors

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2017-2018

Prerequisites:

- **85% overall grade in Literature and Composition 9 Honors or overall 92% in Literature and Composition 9 with recommendation of the English teacher.**
- **Completion of summer reading assignments.**
- **Completion and return of this contract by the beginning of the Fall Semester 2017. Students who do not sign and return this contract will not be enrolled in the course.**

Summer Reading

Notes on the following two selections are due on the first day of class when the 2017-2018 school year begins. Notes must be typed and double-spaced.

- ***The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway**
- ***Billy Budd* by Herman Melville**

Course Expectations

I have read the course requirements for Literature and Composition Honors and I agree to comply with the requirements of the course including summer reading. I understand that failure to complete the summer reading requirement or failure to maintain the required grade percentage will result Both of the novels will be tested during the first quarter of the school year.

- **Take home examinations must be typed and double-spaced.**
- **Good attendance is expected. Students who are habitually tardy or absent will be encouraged to drop the course.**
- **Students must maintain an 85% average to remain in the course. Students who fail to maintain an 85% average will move over to Literature and Composition 10.**

Student signature_____Date_____

Parent signature_____Date_____

Advanced Placement Language and Composition 11

Mrs. Lindeman

Prerequisites:

- 85% overall grade in Literature and Composition 10 Honors or 92% overall grade in Literature and Composition 10 with the recommendation of the English teacher.
- Completion of summer reading assignments.
- Completion and return of this contract by June 2, 2017. Students who do not sign and return this contract will not be enrolled in the course.

Advanced Placement Language and Composition takes the positions that everything is an argument. We will analyze how authors use diction, syntax, attitude, and tone to enhance their arguments and to convey their positions. We will study the purpose and function of language, how authors manipulate words and word placement, sentence and paragraph structures, tailoring them to their styles, needs, and audiences, affecting mood and meaning, atmosphere and message. Additionally, you will become aware of the choices an author makes in using sources to validate his or her position. We will also survey American literature, beginning with Colonial times.

Summer Reading:

Notes on *East of Eden* and the second book are due on the first day of class when the 2017- 2018 school year begins.

First Required Reading

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Notes must be typed and double-spaced and should be three pages in length. Your notes should identify the characters, events, and themes of the novel.

Second Required Reading

Choose **one** of the following books.

- *The Federalist Papers* by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison
- *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* by John Meacham
- *American Sphinx* by Joseph J. Ellis
- *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain

Notes must be typed and double-spaced and should be three pages in length. Major ideas and themes of the book should be covered.

Course Expectations:

- A research paper will be due the first quarter. Paper requirements, style requirements, and thesis topics will be assigned in class during the second week of the first quarter. Two other research papers will be assigned during the year.
- Students will have approximately 45 minutes of homework three nights per week. Outside reading will be assigned and is not included in the homework estimate.
- All essays with the exception of in-class writes must be typed and double-spaced. Papers not in this format will receive a zero grade.
- Good attendance is expected. Students who are habitually tardy or absent will be encouraged to drop the course.
- Students must maintain an 85% overall grade each quarter to remain enrolled in the course. Students who fail to maintain an 85% grade will be moved to Literature and Composition 11 or 11 Honors.
- Extra credit work is not available in this course.

I have read the course requirements for Advanced Placement Literature and Composition 11. I agree to complete the summer reading assignments and to maintain an 85% overall grade each quarter in the course. I understand that failure to complete the summer reading requirement or failure to maintain the required grade percentage will result in placement in Literature and Composition 11.

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Advanced Placement Literature and Composition 12
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Prerequisites:

- 92% overall grade in Literature and Composition 11 or Literature and Composition 11 Honors
- Or an 85% overall grade in Literature and Composition 11 AP with recommendation of the English teacher.
- Completion and return of this contract by June 1, 2017. Students who do not sign this contract will not be enrolled in the course.

Summer Reading

- Notes on the following three selections are due on the first day of class when 2016-2017 school year begins. Notes must be typed and double spaced and should be three pages in length per book
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner

Choose one of these two novels.

- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thang Nguyen (2016 Pulitzer Prize winner)
- Any other novel of literary merit such as a Pulitzer Prize winning novel or a classic from other authors such as Charles Dickens, Ernest Hemingway, F.Scott Fitzgerald, Nathaniel Hawthorne etc.

Course Expectations

- Students will have approximately 45 minutes of homework three nights a week that includes outside reading of their choice.
- All essays except for in-class writes must be typed and double-spaced.
- Students must maintain an 85% overall grade each quarter to remain enrolled in the course.
- Students who fail to maintain an 85% grade will be moved to Literature and Composition 12 or 12 Honors.

I have read the requirements of this AP Literature and Composition 12. I agree to complete the summer reading assignments and to maintain an 85% overall grade each quarter in the course. I understand that failure to complete the summer reading assignment and failure to maintain an 85% in this course will result in placement in Literature and Composition 12.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____