

Mr. Maccarone
Honors Jr English
American Literature

Objective: This is an advanced class in the study of American Literature. Students will be expected to move at an accelerated rate and be able to handle the work load of a Honors Course. Proficiency in writing will be a major part of this class as well as substantial use of SAT vocabulary. Students will get a better understanding of American Literature from its foundations through the modern era. We will discuss various literary themes, including Transcendentalism, Poetry, Realism, Modern Contemporary Lit, and American Drama. We will also discuss William Shakespeare's Hamlet and A Midsummer Night's Dream. We will read specific selections from the text as well as outside readings.

Requirements:

Each Student must have the following for each class.

1. Textbook
2. Notebook
3. Pen/Pencil
4. Any assigned outside book, i.e. Hamlet

Class Breakdown:

There will be tests, quizzes, homework and class-work assignments, essays, class projects, and a research paper.

1. Tests will be given at the end of each unit
2. Quizzes will be given at the end of each reading assignment. There will be both announced and unannounced quizzes.
3. Homework/Class-Work will be given throughout the semester as necessary for each reading.
4. 5-paragraph essays on specific topics.
5. Poetry projects.
6. Research Paper of 8-10 pages in length based on topic approved by the teacher

Grade Breakdown: Grades will be based on a total points system. Example if there is 600 total points and you have accumulated 543 points, you divide 600 into 543 and that will give you your grade. $543/600=91$ or B+

1. Tests 100pts per test
2. Quizzes 25pts per quiz
3. Homework/Class-Work 25pts per assignment
4. Essays 100pts per essay
5. Research Project 200pts
6. Participation 35pts
7. Poetry Project 50pts per project
8. Speeches 25pts/per speech

- Tests and Quizzes must be made up next class day following absence.
- **Assignments 1 day late will be deducted 10% of total points. No work will be accepted after 1 late day, it will automatically be a ZERO!**

Class Expectations/Rules:

- Be prepared for each class. Have all necessary items before class starts. i.e. books, pens, etc.
- Be respectful at all times to your fellow students. Treat others as you wish to be treated.
- If absent see me for make-up work.