

ENGLISH 12



HOW TO REACH ME

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- 4 Through the Remind App

REQUIRED RESOURCES

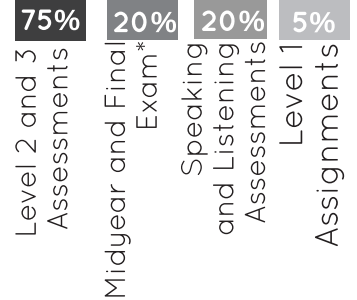
- notebook or binder, although a binder is recommended
- pencils & blue/black pens, sticky notes
- the text we are studying, which will be provided by QHS. You may also purchase the text if you wish to take notes directly in it.
- a positive attitude
- an email account that is regularly checked and school appropriate, preferably Gmail.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

"The test of a first rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function." - F. Scott Fitzgerald

This year, we will be exploring literature through a variety of critical lenses and philosophies to examine identity formation and the individual's place within society. As we relate this literature to our lives, we will undoubtedly examine and affirm our own perspectives, as well as encounter experiences that differ from our own. Hopefully, by the end of this course you will be able to see things beyond your own point of view.

GRADES



Level 2 and 3 Assessments consist of summative assessments: essays and projects. Late assignments are encouraged to be submitted, but will be subject to a penalty.

Level 1 Assignments consist of formative assessments: nightly reading homework and notes. These assignments will be checked as needed and will not be accepted late.

Speaking and Listening Assessments consist of both summative and formative assessments: class participation and presentations, both formal and informal. The acceptance of late work will depend on the nature of the assessment.

*During Term 2, the **Midyear Exam** will count as 20% of a student's grade. The other categories will adjust accordingly. Students who do not maintain an 80 average or better during Semester 2 will also be required to take a **cumulative final exam** in May before signing out.

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

✳ **Be nice!** Students must maintain a respectful and positive attitude toward the teacher and classmates.

✳ **Be on time!** Students must arrive on time. Students who are more than two minutes tardy will make up the time with me after school. To avoid miscommunication, no bathroom passes will be allowed until the daily warm-up is completed.

✳ **Be organized**
Students must keep a copy of graded assessments in their portfolio in the classroom.

✳ **Be ready to work!**
Students must arrive on time with their binder, homework, novel, and writing utensils. Students must start the warm-up immediately upon arriving to class.

✳ **Be a student!** It is important for students to understand that grades largely reflect mastery and not work ethic. Certainly, work ethic helps students learn and improve upon the skills we are working on to help them achieve higher academic success, but does not guarantee an A. Regarding Honors: Honors classes are for students who have demonstrated a special aptitude for and/or interest in English. You will be expected to read every night. This course is writing intensive.

✳ **Be present!**
Attendance is the most important factor in a student's success. **Mental attendance** is also mandatory in this class, so **cell phones must be kept away or in provided slots.** Habitual instances of active non-participation (sleeping, using phone, etc.) will result in the student being asked to leave. There will be times phones will be permitted for educational purposes at the my discretion.

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PLAGIARISM: WHAT IS IT AND HOW TO AVOID IT.

Plagiarism is defined as taking ideas and writings of another and passing them off as one's own. Plagiarism is cheating!

Plagiarism includes...

- 1 turning in someone else's paper as your own
- 2 copying from a friend or classmate
- 3 failing to cite a source
- 4 using sources like Spark Notes, Shmoop, etc., as a replacement for reading and analyzing.



*The teacher will notify the administration and contact parents if cheating is suspected.

*The student will be given a failing grade for that particular test, assignment, or for the grading period.

*A plagiarism report will be filed and attached to the student's academic record.

HOMEWORK POLICIES



***LATE WORK:** L2s&L3s will be accepted up to a week late with **penalty**. L1s are not accepted late.

***ESSAY REWRITES:** Students must meet with me within **two days** of receiving their grade and have completed all preliminary work on time to be eligible to rewrite.

***LOST BOOKS:** PDFs of novels are available on the class website. Additional copies will not be given. Students will be financially responsible for lost books.



***LIFE HAPPENS!** If you are having issues at school or at home, or realize you need more time to complete your absolute best work for any other reason, **request an extension**. You must come talk to me or e-mail me at least **two days** before the assignment is due and **have completed all preliminary work** for the extension to be granted. Emails sent the night before an assignment is due requesting an extension will not be granted and will be ignored.



*L2/L3 Assessments must be typed in **MLA Format**. In addition to the library and computer labs, many smart phones feature word processors (Notes, Pages, Google Doc, Word, etc.)

***E-SUBMISSION POLICY:** Students must upload L2/L3 Assessments to Turnitin and print a paper copy for it to be considered "on time". Printer/Internet issues are not an excuse for late work. If technology fails, hand-write your assignment and turn it in during class. Please, do not email me assignments.

NOTICE

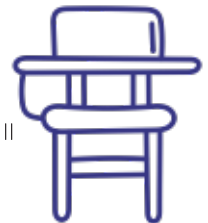
ASPEN is updated daily. Students should access their account regularly, and see me regarding concerns. This can be done **before or after class**. Please note, a mark of "no grade" on ASPEN is not a zero. It simply means the assignment has not yet been graded.

ABSENTEE POLICY

***YES — WE DID SOMETHING WHILE YOU WERE ABSENT.** It is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Check your class **FOLDER** and **CLASS WEBSITE** to find any assignments you missed.

* You have **ONE DAY** for each day you are absent to make up missed work. After that day, any missing assignments will not be accepted.

* Any assignment you are absent for will be entered as a **ZERO** until it is turned in.



HOW TO SIGN UP FOR REMIND ALERTS

Sign up for class text alerts for updates on homework, essays, and other important reminders.

Download the Remind App to be able to chat with Ms. Volta for help.

Period 1

text @12HPERIOD1

to 81010



Period 7

text @12HPERIOD7

to 81010

Absent

Folders