



English 11B-World Literature

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***Please remember to use your school-provided email in communicating with your teacher. Also, make it a habit to check your email regularly for updates and one-to-one communication from me.**

English 11B is a one-trimester class focusing on world literature from a variety of time periods and geographical areas. There will be vocabulary study that is based on words taken from the literature. There will be two required writing assignments, including a research paper.

COURSE OUTLINE:

- Unit I: Argumentative Research Paper (Required for class credit)
- Unit II: European Literature
- Unit III: Modern World Literature
- Unit IV: Novel-*Bless Me, Ultima* Rudolfo Anaya
- Selected vocabulary from literature

GRADING:

Students and parents have access to grades at any time by using the “Student/Parent Viewer” computer system. Your semester grade will be figured using the following formula:

Grading Scale:

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| A | 100-93 |
| A- | 92-90 |
| B+ | 89-88 |
| B | 87-83 |
| B- | 82-80 |

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| C+ | 79-78 | D- | 62-60 |
| C | 77-73 | F | 59-0 |
| C- | 72-70 | | |
| D+ | 69-68 | | |
| D | 67-63 | | |

Final Grade Calculation:

Participation/Homework: 25% of Trimester Grade (includes class discussion, worksheets, reading, book club work, etc.)

Journals 10% of Trimester

Tests & Quizzes: 30% of Trimester

Writing/Essays: 35% of Trimester Grade

Trimester Grade: 80% of Final Grade

Trimester Exam: 20% of Final Grade

Work submitted in English class should be typed or written neatly in ink and should have a CORRECT MLA heading. 😊



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 11

In addition to studying World Literature our focus will be on meeting the Michigan Department of Education Merit Curriculum. "One of the goals is for students to acquire transferable knowledge." The focus at the 11th grade level is on '*Transformational Thinking*' with the following as guiding questions:

- *How can **forward thinking** help me make better decisions?
- *How do I **develop** a **realistic plan** for the future?
- *What evidence do I have that I am **committed to learning** as a way of life?
- *How do I **build** a **context for change** in my life?
- *When is **loyalty** to myself more important than loyalty to a friend?
- *How will I **know** when to **risk failure** for possible success?
- *How do I **demonstrate** that I am **open-minded** enough to learn from my experiences?
- *How can I **generate new ideas** for solving problems?
- *How can I **invent** new opportunities?
- *What are the **tradeoffs** for technological advances?
- *Which **decisions** I make today will affect me for my entire life?
- *Where will I find **wisdom**?

THINKING SKILLS

*Look for the unique or unusual

*Seek wisdom

*Tolerate change or chaos

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The school policies as presented in the student agenda book will be followed as well as the following:

Test/Quiz Make Up: Students who have an excused absence may make up a test/quiz if arrangements are made within one day of his/her return. Failure to make or honor this arrangement will result in an automatic failure for that test/quiz. The test/quiz may or may not be the same as the one taken at the scheduled time.

Late Homework: MSHS English Department has a **NO late homework** policy. The exception of excused absences (medical, court, funeral, school related, etc.) exists. However, the work must be turned in upon return. You may also e-mail your work to me. **This is responsible and professional behavior.** If you are in school for any part of the day on a due date, it is the expectation that you drop the work off to my room or to my mailbox. If an assignment was given prior to the absence, it is due the day you return.

Late Papers: *Both major papers must be completed in order to receive credit for this class.* Papers due the day of an excused absence are due upon return. If a student is in school any portion of a day that a major paper is due, the paper must be turned in that day to avoid penalty. Any late papers lose 10% credit per day, any time after the **fifth** day will result in an F. **However, the paper must still be turned in to receive credit in the class.**



Preparation: You are expected to bring everything you need for class with you. You are also expected to bring your agenda to class every day. If you do not have your agenda, you will not be allowed to leave the room. You may not use a classmate's agenda to use a hallway pass. Fill out the pass in your agenda book on the current week. If that week is missing, you cannot have your pass for that week. You may not use passes for future weeks. Hall passes should be used for valid reasons and in a timely and professional manner.

Materials: Of course you will need your assigned textbooks, notebook paper, and writing utensil, but you will also need a three-ring binder. In this you will keep journals, literature responses, handouts, and vocabulary materials. Your **journals** will be handed in at the end of the trimester. This will be your class participation grade, which is 10% of your overall grade (participation/homework combined is 25%).

Cheating and Plagiarism: The first offense of cheating or plagiarism results in a zero for the assignment, parental contact, and a letter in the student's file. The second offense results in a failure for the trimester, parental conference, and a letter in the student's file.

MS. SCHANER'S RULES FOR SUCCESS & INSTRUCTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

- 1. BE PREPARED.** Prepare before the class starts (when the 1st tone sounds). Class begins at the 2nd tone. Tardies are enforced! Be prepared mentally (positive attitude) and physically (materials). Check the board for any instructions or activities and take out any assignments that are due. Do not wait to be told what your job is. An employer assumes you know your job and are prepared to begin it on time.
- 2. RESPECT** yourself, others, and the property of the school. Respect is shown in both words and actions. Choose wisely.
- 3. LISTEN.** Listening is **one of the most difficult skills** to develop and yet one of the **most important** you will ever need **in all aspects of your life**. Please listen carefully the first time instructions are given, then ask questions as needed.
- 4. The TEACHER DISMISSES THE CLASS.** Please refrain from moving about the room without permission. At the end of the hour, I will dismiss you; the bell will not. PLEASE, do not pack up materials before the bell rings if I, or somebody else, is talking. **DO NOT LINE UP AT THE DOOR** in anticipation of the bell. Do not stop work early to chat. The class is over when the teacher has given any last minute instructions, information, or made necessary changes to the assignments/schedule and then says, **"Have a nice day!"** ☺
- 5. PROFESSIONAL WORK.** Neatness and legibility are important. Work that is not professional might be returned to be redone or credit may be reduced. **Most work is expected to be typed and in MLA format.** If you have printer issues you should e-mail the assignment to me as an attachment or save it to a travel drive and print it at school. Worst case scenario, use a pen and write neatly, still in MLA format. Always attempt a professional solution to the problem.
NO SPIRAL FLUFF! Your work is a nonverbal representation of you. Make it your best representation.



6. ATTENDANCE. Attendance is important! You must be present to learn. If you are absent for any reason, it is your responsibility to check the agenda and to see me before or after class for missed assignments. You may contact me by phone, e-mail or check my school blog to acquire missed information or to turn in assignments. Please avoid being tardy. Class starts promptly and a tardy means you have already missed a portion of your educational opportunity.

7. COMMUNICATION: Life happens, but it is how we deal with the happenings that distinguish us. If you are struggling for whatever reasons, I cannot know this and work accordingly unless you communicate with me. I am strict and have high expectations; however, flexibility is an invaluable trait and how one tolerates change or chaos is one of our transformational thinking focal points. Please communicate with me professionally and in a timely manner with any items of concern. **Remember to use your school-provided email and to sign your name in the closing.**

Miscellaneous:

- Water is the only thing allowed in the classroom. No pop, food, or candy. Gum is okay. Please dispose of it properly (not on furniture or in carpet).
- If you are absent for any reason, check the board for activities from the previous day. Get handouts from the appropriate place. Do not come to me while I am starting class and ask “What did we do yesterday?” Please wait for a suitable opportunity/time for clarification.

To learn you need to have R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

Responsibility

Effort

Success

Positive Attitude

Excellence

Courage

Time

I expect great things from you!

Let's have a great trimester! 😊