

ENGLISH III

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Text used: *The American Experience*, Prentice Hall.

- General requirements: -- a pen (must be brought every day)
- a durable looseleaf notebook (will hold all classwork)
 - the text (unless told otherwise)

Class work:

1. Every day: -- you will participate in class discussion (your grade depends upon active participation)
 - you will take notes on class discussions and lectures
 - you will hand in any assignments due at the beginning of the period
 - you will read the homework assignment
2. Once a semester: -- you will write a 6-8 page research paper on a literary topic
3. We will read the following as a class:
 - a. *The Scarlet Letter* -- Nathaniel Hawthorne
 - b. Other books chosen by your book group
 - c. Assorted short works not in the text

Topics Covered:

1. The New Land -- literature of Native Americans and early European settlers
2. The Revolutionary Period -- writings from the Age of Reason
3. A Growing Nation -- Early Romantic poets, early short stories
4. New England Renaissance -- the transcendentalists, Hawthorne, and poets
5. Division, War, and Reconciliation -- writings from the Civil War
 - you will work on an independent short story unit at this time

6. Realism and the Frontier -- the short story unit will continue; poetry will also be covered

7. The Modern Age -- short stories, nonfiction, poetry (hopefully, we will get this far!)

LATE POLICY:

You have the responsibility to contact me about assignments before you leave for a planned absence. Work assigned is due within a reasonable time after your return (no more than a week).

If you are ill or absent from school for a legitimate reason, work assigned before your absence is due **the day you return to school**. Work assigned when you are absent must be made up within a reasonable amount of time; check with me for due dates.

If you forget or neglect to do your assignment, it will drop one letter grade for each day it is late. (An assignment is late when it is handed in later than when I collect it in class.) Since I use a point system, you would be advised to turn in your work even if it will earn an F, because you still will receive points.

NOTE: Failure to complete a major project will result in an Incomplete on your report card. If you do not hand in the project within a time frame established by me, you will receive a zero.

GET YOUR WORK IN ON TIME!!!

CLASSROOM POLICY:

1. No gum, candy, food, or drink of any kind are allowed in this classroom unless you have asked for permission. If you do bring foodstuffs into the classroom, you WILL clean up after yourself. Do I really have to say that???
2. I expect you to respect all in the classroom -- that includes your peers, any guests we may have, and me. I promise I will treat you with respect. Also, please treat classroom supplies with respect and consideration for others.
3. You will come to class prepared with all writing implements (I charge rent for pens -- LOTS of rent -- and I will only rent a pen to you once. After that you will be penalized.)
4. You will bring your book and assignments to class -- you will not be allowed to go to your locker if you forget, and you will be penalized for your lack of responsibility.
5. Because I cannot read your mind, I expect you to let me know when you do not understand what is going on. I will be glad to help you, and I do not think any question is too mundane. Probably, if you don't understand things, then others don't either.

The reasons for the rules are several:

- I want to help you become more responsible individuals.
- I want the work in this classroom to continue uninterrupted.
- I want you to reach your full potential, and you can't do that if you are irresponsible.

Please share this paper with your parents/guardians, and return this portion signed by both you and your parents/guardians.

I understand my child's/ my responsibilities in Mrs. Zimmerman's class.

Student's name (please print): _____

Parent / Guardian's name (please print) _____

Parent signature: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact Information (optional, but much appreciated!):

Parent / Guardian email: _____

Parent / Guardian phone #: (Work) _____

Home: _____