

English 11
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Textbook: *Elements of Literature: Literature of the United States*; Holt, Rinehart, Winston
Novels: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Ken Kesey
Drama: *The Crucible*, *Death of a Salesman*, Arthur Miller
Our Town, Thornton Wilder
A Raisin in the Sun, Lorraine Hansberry

Course Content: Eleventh grade English is American Literature. The course will focus on reading and writing about American novels, short stories, poetry and drama. Students will write several essays and papers and will have a personal folder in the classroom in which to keep all written work. In addition to reading and writing assignments, vocabulary and grammar will be taught on a weekly basis.

Class Expectations:

- Students are expected to be in class on time and prepared every day. The Olympia High School attendance and tardy policy will be enforced in this class.
- Students are expected to treat others with respect at all times. This includes respecting the learning environment as well as class materials.
- Students are expected to remain in the classroom for the duration of class. Students may leave the classroom only in the case of an emergency and no more than once every six week grading period.
- Students are expected to complete all reading and writing assignments on time. A large percentage of homework assignments will be reading and keeping up in novels and other pieces of literature. Pop quizzes will be given to ensure students are completing reading assignments on time.
- Phones must be turned off and out of sight at all times. The first time your phone is seen or heard you will be warned and I will keep your phone for the rest of the period. The next time you will be sent to study hall.
- As a teacher I will put time and energy into planning creative lessons and assignments. I expect students to receive assignments and lessons with a positive attitude. If you are experiencing any type of problem with an assignment or lesson, or other class procedure, please see me. I am flexible and willing to discuss anything pertaining to this class with you. I will be available before and after school and by e-mail.

Necessary Materials:

- You should have the following materials in class every day: loose leaf notebook paper, at least two pens and two pencils, and a spiral notebook of at least 70 pages that you use only for English.
- The spiral notebook will serve as a journal for in-class writing and notes, as well as other various assignments. This notebook will be required to be turned in on occasion and must be used exclusively for this class. Failing to keep an organized spiral notebook for English only will result in a poor grade in this class.

Grading: Students will be graded on the following scale:

93% -100%	= A	78-79.9%	= C+
90-92.9%	= A-	73-77.9%	= C
88-89.9%	= B+	70-72.9%	= C-
83-87.9%	= B	68-69.9%	= D+
80-82.9%	= B-	60-69.9%	= D
		0-59.9%	= F

Grades will be based on writing assignments, homework, projects, in-class activities, journals, tests, quizzes, vocabulary, and participation.

Late Work:

- The only late work that will be accepted are essays and long-term projects. These major assignments will drop one letter grade (10%) per day for five days. No credit will be given after the fifth day. Daily work and homework will not be accepted late.
- Missing assignments will result in a “zero” in the grade book and will cause your grade in this class to drop significantly. Turn your assignments in on time to receive a good grade.
- If you have extenuating circumstances preventing you from turning in an assignment or assignments on time, see Mrs. Gilman.

Making up work after absences:

- If you have an excused absence you have a grace period equal to the number of days of your absence in order to complete the work assigned in class on those days.
- Students are responsible for getting their own make-up work from the teacher on the first day back from the absence.
- Assignments that are due on the date of an excused absence are due upon returning from the absence. You will not be given extended time on previously assigned papers, essays, and projects unless you contact Mrs. Gilman and receive permission.

Essays and Papers:

- All final drafts of essays and papers are to be typed, double-spaced. If you do not have access to a computer, please handwrite neatly in blue or black ink (no pencil), double space, and use only one side of the paper. Failing to write neatly can result in a lower grade. Always keep the original assignment rubric for each major writing assignment. It will be due with your final draft.
- Keep all drafts, including any notes, editing and revision materials. These may be required to be turned in with your final draft.
- Papers are due at the beginning of class on the due date assigned.

Student Folders: Each student has a folder in class in which to keep all writing materials and any other necessary materials. Credit may be given for a thorough and organized writing folder.

Participation Points:

- Participation points will be given every six-week period and may account for up to 20% of your total grade. Participation points will be based on contribution to discussions and group work, attendance and behavior.
- Class discussions and group activities will benefit you greatly on tests and quizzes. You must participate in discussion and activities in order to receive full participation points.
- Although make-up assignment for excused absences will be given, missing class due to absences may result in missing valuable material generated in class discussions and group activities that will not be able to be made up.
- Participation points will be used in calculating your grade for the class. Follow the class policies outlined below in order to receive full participation points.

Class Policies:

1. Be on time with necessary materials every day.
2. Maintain a positive attitude; refrain from negative reactions to class activities.
3. Complete your assignments neatly and on time.
4. Raise your hand to speak and do not interrupt others.
5. Pay attention in class.
6. Participate in class discussion and activities.
7. Stay on task. No outside homework or activities allowed.
8. If you are finished with all assignments and homework, read a book of your choice.
9. See Mrs. Gilman with any questions or concerns.
10. Have fun!

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

To insure the success of our students, please read the information on this syllabus carefully. The syllabus is posted on my staff link at the Olympia High School website. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at any time.

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Please include a way that I may contact you so that we may have open communication, further assuring the success of all students.

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Parent phone and e-mail address

I look forward to a fun and exciting year.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Gilman