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English 1 Syllabus

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Course Content

Literature: First Semester







Second Semester





"There's no such thing as a kid who hates reading. There are kids who love reading and kids who are reading the wrong books."

~James Patterson~

Writing: Fall Semester: Literary Analysis

Students will learn the basics of analyzing literature through their writing. Students may be asked to analyze character, theme, symbolism, etc. Emphasis will also be placed on improving grammatical and mechanical usage.

Spring Semester: Argument

Students will continue to develop their written literary analysis skills; additionally, students will develop skills in writing argumentatively. Students will construct a 2-3 page essay on a debatable topic.



All formal writing assignments MUST BE submitted to turnitin.com in order to be assessed. Students are encouraged to use turnitin.com for peer-reviewing purposes and to monitor the integrity of their work.

Policies/Procedures

General Classroom Expectations

Be prepared for class.
Be respectful.
Participate.
Adhere to all school rules.

Cell Phone Usage

Per the school's policy, students are allowed to have their personal devices while in class; students should refrain from using their personal devices, however, unless they are instructed to do so or unless special permission is granted. Students will have regular access to Chromebooks and will have little to no need for personal devices. Student use of devices (school or personal) for noneducational purposes is strictly prohibited and will result in a dean referral.

Grading

	Fall	Spring
Literature	50%	45%
Writing	30%	40%
Participation	20%	15%

Make-Up/Late Work

Per the school's policy, students will have two days per EXCUSED absence to turn in make-up work. A zero will be entered into the gradebook until the assignment is turned in so that parents and students can see how failing to turn in the assignment could impact the student's overall grade. Once the assignment is submitted, the zero will be removed and a grade will be entered within approximately one week. Students should utilize available resources (ie: Google Classroom) to look for missed assignments. There are also folders at the front of the classroom for missed work.

If a student knows in advance that he/she will be absent due to a student activity, he/she is responsible for submitting work prior to his/her absence.

In regards to late work, per department policy, students will have no more than two days to turn in work after the original due date. Work turned in one day late will be penalized 10% and work turned in two days late will be penalized 50%.

Resources

Creating a Turnitin.com Account

Visit www.turnitin.com and create an account using your WaCoHi username and password. Use the following ID and password information to join.

Class ID **18301446**Enrollment key **stage**

WCHS Has Gone Google



Use your WaCoHi account to contact and collaborate with your teachers and peers.

Hour	Google Classroom Code
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5 th	9dmrts

Remind

To receive reminders relevant to class, text @bstage1 to 81010. Both parents and students are encouraged to join.



Potentially Useful Websites

Youtube: Crash Course Literature https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse

Grammar Bytes

http://www.chompchomp.com/exercises.htm

The OWL at Purdue

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

TEDEd: Ideas Worth Sharing

https://ed.ted.com/lessons?category=literature

Additional Information

Books/Supplies Policies/Procedures Just For Fun

Books

Books will be provided for each new unit. Students are responsible for the care of the school's books and will be expected to return them in their original condition at the conclusion of each unit. If a student does not return a book, or if it is damaged when returned, he or she may be asked to pay to replace the book when registering at the beginning of the next school year.

If a student wishes to purchase his/her own copy of a book for annotation purposes, he/she is encouraged to do so, but students are not required to purchase their own books.

Daily Supplies

Students should bring the following with them to class each day:

- writing utensils (pens/pencils)
- loose leaf notebook paper
- 2-pocket folder
- 1" 3-ring binder
- highlighters and/or Post-It notes in various colors for annotating

Each student is also asked to contribute one box of Kleenex to the class.

Chromebooks

Each student will be assigned a Chromebook to use in class and will be responsible for the care of that Chromebook. At the end of each hour, students are responsible for returning their assigned Chromebooks to the cart at the front of the room. Each Chromebook has its own numbered slot and cord. Chromebooks should be plugged in if not being used. Students should not eat or drink anything while using a Chromebook. Failure to properly use or care for the Chromebooks may result in a temporary or permanent loss of privileges for an individual or for the class as a whole.

Leaving the Classroom

For students' safety and to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, students will be allowed to leave class minimally. Students should use the restroom in-between classes or during lunch. If a student is given permission to leave class, he/she should sign out and



take a pass and should be gone no longer than five minutes. Students should use the bathroom closest

to the classroom. If a student receives a pass from a dean or counselor, he/she will be allowed to leave according to the directions on the pass. Students who need to visit the nurse must request a pass before leaving to do so.

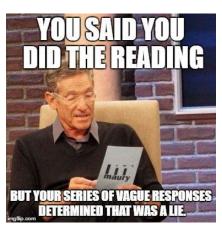
Cheating/Plagiarism

Cheating, including intentional plagiarism (the purposeful submission of another's work as one's own), is a serious academic issue and will not be tolerated. The likely consequence of cheating/plagiarism will be a zero on the assignment in question; additionally, students caught cheating may be referred to the deans' office.



To help students monitor the integrity of their written assignments, students will be required to submit all formal writing assignments to turnitin.com. A similarity report will be created upon submission. Submissions that receive a high similarity report will be suspected of plagiarism. Students should take the initiative to check for potential plagiarism and make needed revisions prior to the final due date of an assignment.





WHAT IF I TOLD YOU



LINING UP AT THE DOOR DOES NOT MAKE THE BELL RING FASTER?

Please sign and certify below that you have read and understand the information presented to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Stage via email at bstage@wacohi.net. Signed syllabi should be returned by Friday, August 17.

Student Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date