

11th Grade English Syllabus

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Waterbury Career Academy Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations

In a safe and welcoming environment, Waterbury Career Academy High School will work cooperatively with students, families and members of the community to promote high academic standards and provide a comprehensive, skills-based career education utilizing the 21st century competencies to prepare students for post-secondary education and employment options in order to become critical thinkers, learners, workers, and community contributors.

Possible Readings:

Drama:

- Fences* by August Wilson,
- *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
- Death of Salesman* by Arthur Miller
- The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

Novels:

- The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Poetry, Short Stories, and Essays:

-Selections from our class anthology and other teacher resources

Writing Focus:

-Argumentative, Resume, Common App Essays, SAT Prep, Research Writing,
Models for Writers

***Depending on time, books may be added or deleted from the above list at the teacher's discretion, but students will always be notified.**

Materials Needed:

- One Three Ring Binder and loose leaf paper OR a notebook
- Pens/Pencils/Highlighter
- Google Email Account and/or USB storage device

Requirements:

1. Each student will be required to complete at least one full process essay each marking period.
2. Each student will be required to do presentations, group projects, individual projects, and other written assignments throughout the year.
3. Each student will be required to independently read texts outside of the classroom.

Grading Scale:

Exams/Essays 40%

Quizzes: 15%

Participation/Homework: 10%

Projects: 20%

Classwork: 15%

***Grading Scale is subject to change. Students will be notified of change if it occurs.**

Academic Honesty:

Plagiarism involves copying another person's words or ideas without citing the source with appropriate documentation. A plagiarized paper is considered an incomplete assignment, and any student who plagiarizes will fail the assignment.

Class Attendance:

Good attendance is crucial to your success in English class. If you are absent it is your responsibility to get your own work. Work submitted late will have a deduction of 10 points automatically. A missing test or quiz must be made up within two school days after your return (pending the circumstance). It is your responsibility to take any missing tests or quizzes. If you cut class on a test/quiz day, you may not make up your test or quiz.

WCAHS 21st Century Learning Expectations

Academic

- *Effective Communicators:* Read, write, and speak effectively
- *Critical Thinkers:* Problem solvers and decision makers
- *Self-Directed Learners:* Monitor, define, prioritize, and complete tasks independently
- *Digital Literacy:* Utilize technology as a tool for research, management integration, evaluation, and communication

Civic

- *Community Contributor:* Demonstrates the responsibilities of citizenship and community
- *Active Member:* Participates in school and community activities

Social

- *Collaborator:* Work in groups and in teams to accomplish goals
- *Respectful Person:* Demonstrates respect and assumes responsibility.

Spartan Motto:

- **H**onest students will hold one another to high academic, social, and civic expectations
- **O**rganized students will assume responsibility for actions and focus on using technology for learning
- **N**oble students will maintain professionalism; will demonstrate a strong work ethic and integrity
- **O**ptimistic students will be open and positive toward new and diverse perspectives
- **R**espectful students will treat each other with fairness, compassion and respect, while valuing differences

Student Signature: _____

Student Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____