



Eleventh Grade English Syllabus

Ms. Lenz
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Classroom Philosophy

“We can't choose where we come from, but we can choose where we go from there.” — Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

Introduction

Welcome to Ms. Lenz's 11th grade English Class! I am so excited to be here at James Clemens (and at the RISE Academy)! This course will run from January 4th to May 26th, 2023. In this course, we will explore the world of literature through the eyes of authors like Kate Chopin, Jon Krakauer, Henry David Thoreau, Zora Neale Hurston, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Course Description

This course features 6 units; *Breaking Away*, *The Highway*, *No Strangers Here*, *Living the Dream*, *The Wars we Wage*, and *With Malice Toward None*. During the course, I will be putting an emphasis on inclusion, diversity, grammar, life lessons/life skills, and college/career readiness. My class is not centered around the amount of English I can teach but around the students and what they need to learn. It is a goal of mine to send home a guardian contact letter at the beginning of every unit. In this guardian contact letter, the guardian will be able to get a glimpse at the upcoming units including the lessons, stories, assignments, and tests.

Contact

I can be reached Monday - Friday 8:30 - 3:30 via email at Sblenz@madisoncity.k12.al.us. Another form of communication I will be using is my classroom phone - HOWEVER - this is a one-way method of contact. If the call goes unanswered, I will leave a voicemail and send an email to schedule a callback or follow-up conversation. Email is the main form of communication unless stated otherwise. If an important phone call is needed, it will be scheduled accordingly.