



PERRY HIGH SCHOOL

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10th Grade English
Course Syllabus

2015/ 2016 School Year

Course Description

This comprehensive course is a study of English Language Arts. Students will organize, develop, edit and revise compositions. Students will learn traits of exceptional writing from a balanced repertoire of reading and writing while applying skills learned to real-world situations. Literature studies introduce literary terminology, critical and analytical reading and appreciation of literature. Students will read from selected novels, as well as short stories, essays, and poetry. This is an interactive course that requires student involvement including research, debate, and oral presentations which may require the use of multimedia resources.

PHS CURRICULUM AND ARIZONA STATE STANDARDS:

Arizona State Standards Mission Statement: *The Arizona State K-12 Academic Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.*

PHS is dedicated to incorporating the **Arizona Common Core Standards** into the English 10 curriculum and increasing the **rigor** of our instruction

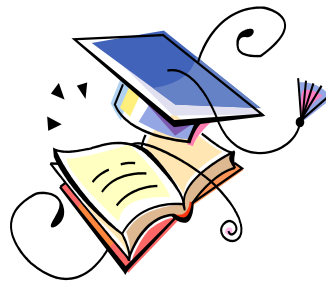
Required Text

- McDougal Littell Literature (Blue textbook).

In addition to the textbook students are required to bring a library chapter book to class everyday for directed reading and reflection.

Grading Scale

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F



Homework / Late Work / Absences

Homework will be assigned on a regular basis. Late work is not accepted. Any student who is absent is responsible for make-up work. The student will receive the number of days absent to complete and turn in the work. Absent work not turned in within the given number of days will result in a zero per assignment. **Please be advised that work brought in on disks, flash drives, etc. are considered “late” and will not be printed out by the teacher. It is the student’s responsibility to “print” work.**

Supplies

One inch three ring binder to keep language arts materials and homework in or a designated place in an academic binder, composition book, agenda, red pen, blue or black pen, pencils, erasers and college ruled **loose leaf paper. (NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS PLEASE)**

Optional: color pencils, washable markers, glue sticks, and student scissors.

****Please note that all writing and homework assignments must be completed in pencil or blue / black ink pen only. (no marker, gel pens, etc will be accepted on assignments)****

Technology Requirements

Turnitin.com is an integral program at Perry High School. This website allows teachers to review the written assignment submitted and determine the authenticity of the students' papers. In many cases, this submission is the only proof of a completed assignment, as the teacher scores the paper from the website. The late work policy listed above applies to any paperless submissions. In other cases, the teacher requires **both** a hard copy of the assignment, as well as submission to the website. If an assignment requires submission to turnitin.com, the late work policy will apply for *all students*, which allows a 24 hour grace period given with a 10% reduction in the final grade. Please note, however, that any papers not submitted by the extension period will receive a zero, regardless of a hard copy submission.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Any student caught cheating in class (giving or receiving answers/work) will receive a zero on the assignment. The student will receive a referral and the parents/guardians will be notified.

Note: Much of what is found on web sites such as Wikipedia is not credible and often plagiarized, therefore Wikipedia, for example, will not be accepted as a credible source for research.

Classroom Etiquette & Guidelines

1. Be respectful of all Perry students and employees, as well as their property.
 - a. Treat everyone with respect.
 - i. If you are disrupting the class, realize that you are negatively affecting your peer's learning time – your actions effect more than just yourself, which will result in equal consequences.
 - b. No foul language, name calling, talking out of turn, rude gestures, etc. This class will operate with the professionalism of a college course.
2. Come to class prepared.
 - a. Required supplies, as well as the day's assignments are expected to be with the student.
3. Follow directions the first time.
 - a. Please ask questions, especially if you are not 100% clear about a direction. Do not be shy when you have a question.
4. Give 100% effort at everything you do, regardless of talent or skill level.

Personal Electronics

All personal electronics are to remain out of sight at all times. Items such as MP3 players, or portable video game systems are not allowed in the classroom and will be confiscated immediately.

Cell phones must be turned off or placed on silent mode prior to entering the classroom (phones in sight or making noise will be confiscated).

Restroom Policy

Every time a student leaves the classroom they are required to sign out and carry a pass. In regards to restroom breaks, we will be flexible and understanding, however there will not be any restroom breaks granted within the first 10 or last 10 minutes of class. Exiting the room for any reason is at the teacher's discretion, and is a privilege that can be revoked at any time.

Each student will be given a **"Bathroom/ Drink Pass"** at the beginning of the quarter. Once the student's passes have been used, the student will not be allowed to leave the classroom for the remainder of the quarter. At the conclusion of the semester, each "Pass" that the student has not used can be submitted for five points of extra credit.

Tardy and Attendance Policy

Promptness is a quality that is absolutely necessary for success in school and at work. Students are expected to be in their seats when the bell rings. Four tardies in PHS classes will result in a written referral, followed by a referral for all tardies thereafter.

Perry High School Policies

No drinks are allowed inside the buildings. Students may have CLEAR WATER ONLY!

Students are not to chew gum in the classroom.

After the 4th tardy, the student will receive an office referral and an after school detention.

Students who choose to disregard the dress code policy, will be sent to attendance office where they will be required to change into school appropriate attire.

Any student found copying, cheating or plagiarizing will receive an office referral and a zero for that assignment.

Film in the Classroom

This course will examine multiple genres of literature and offer some opportunities to view films that are related to the content. In most cases we will observe film in brief increments, however we may study a full-length film if necessary. Potential films for class include:

———*Of Mice and Men* (1992 / Pg-13) ———*The Pit and the Pendulum*(1961 / NR) ———*Ender's Game* (2013/ Pg-13)
———*The Count of Monte Cristo* (Pg-13) ———*Antigone* (1972 /NR) ———*The Book Thief* (2013/ PG)
———*Julius Caesar* (1970 / G) ———*Frankenstein* (2004 /NR)

Please indicate your permission to view the above films by placing your initials next to each title.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO CLASS BY July 27th, 2015.

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read and reviewed this course syllabus for English 10, and agree with the standards that Perry High School and Mrs. Varela have set for this class, including required supplies, reading, and film.

Parent printed name

Parent email address

Parent signature

Date

Student printed name

Student email address

Student signature

Date

Please circle:

I have a computer at home YES || NO

I have Internet access at home YES || NO