English III Syllabus

PRIMARY TEXTS: My Perspectives Texas English III

 An assortment of novels

PURPOSE OF ENGLISH III: The main purpose of English III is to introduce you to an

 Overview of American literature, how it has affected our heritage

 today, and in doing so prepare you for using those academic skills

 needed in taking test and the writing skills needed in college or the

 workplace. The concentration of this course is to succeed in writing

 about literature, enhance your reading skills, and to give you the

 confidence you will need for your future. Your evaluation will be

 through writing assignments, tests, class projects, and class

 participation.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

 1 black or blue pen

 1 red pen

 Loose-leaf standard paper (needed at certain times)

 **Chrome Book every day!**

**SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR: (ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!)**

**FIRST SIX WEEKS:** UNIT ONE: Exploration, The Colonial Period, and Puritanism

1. Assorted Readings:
2. Puritanism and its place in American History: Research notes.
3. Background for Arthur Miller’s play - *The Crucible*
4. Nathaniel Hawthorne’s novel *The Scarlet Letter*

**SECOND SIX WEEKS:** UNIT TWO: The American Spirit/Romanticism and Transcendentalism

1. Timeline: 6.5 weeks
2. Readings: Nathaniel Hawthorne’s novel *The Scarlet Letter*” and James Fennimore Cooper’s The Last of the Mohicans

**THIRD SIX WEEKS**: UNIT THREE: Continue The American Spirit

Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird **Outside Reading Book Analysis Due (December 14th).**

**FOURTH SIX WEEKS**: Research over a famous American author or figure.

**FIFTH SIX WEEKS**: Continue To Kill a Mockingbird.

F. Scott Fitzgerald’s The Great Gatsby Outside **Reading Book Analysis: Due (April 10th).**

**SIXTH SIX WEEKS**: Complete The Great Gatsby. **Possible end of year project.**

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**:

1. Since each of you will have a Google Chromebook, we will be using Google Classroom each day, whether you are in the classroom or at home; you will be expected to complete any work on the same date the assignment is due. **You will be expected to bring your Chromebook to class** **each day along with your charger!** We will be covering Google Classroom the first week of school so that each student will have the knowledge of using it each day either in the classroom or at home.
2. With each unit of study, you will be expected to take notes in your spiral or on a document before I lecture on that unit; however, there will be times that I will give you a copy of the notes and tell you what to highlight!
3. With any area of study, such as novel, epic poem, play, etc., you will be expected to summarize on a document in Google Classroom each section (chapter, acts, etc.) and send it to me through email.
4. When we watch a commentary film, you will be expected to take notes over the film. (It will be for your benefit!)
5. You will have two major memorization assignments during the year! TBA
6. You will possibly have one or two major memorization assignments during the year! TBA
7. With most everything we study, we will watch a film that goes with that unit of study; therefore, you will be expected to apply what you learn from that film to whatever essay topic you choose. If you ever choose to sleep during that particular film, points will be deducted from your assignment!
8. You will be expected to participate in at least one major group projects during the year.
9. You will be expected to complete an outside reading book analysis form report for that reading assignment during the **3rd 6 weeks** and the **5th 6 weeks of the year.**
10. You will be given two grades for an essay assignment: a grammar grade and a content grade and those two grades weigh in as two daily grades and two test grades. For each grammar mistake, I deduct 2 ½ pts. (It will be for your benefit to take the time to revise your paper and even more beneficial if I revise your paper; this means you will need to set up a time for me to do so!
11. I expect you to be courteous and respectful to me and everyone else in my classroom.
12. I expect you to show integrity (the qualifications of being honest and having strong moral principles) at all times.