

**English III
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COURSE OVERVIEW

Throughout the year, you will be studying the various genres of American literature (nonfiction, fiction, drama); practicing different forms of composition (paragraphs and the multi-paragraph essay); studying grammar and mechanics; and expanding your vocabulary.

OVERVIEW BY SEMESTER

Semester 1: *The Crucible; The Scarlet Letter; The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*; selections from other American authors.

Semester 2: *The Great Gatsby; Catcher in the Rye; Death of Salesman*; selections from other American authors, research paper

Both semesters will contain vocabulary and grammar instruction.

MATERIALS NEEDED

In addition to the texts and handouts, you should have the following materials:

- a pocket folder
- 1 ½ to 2 inch 3-ring binder
- notebook
- pen or pencil
- student planner
- loose leaf paper
- post-it notes (2 packs)
- index cards
- “Guidelines for Writing the Research Paper” (2nd semester)

EVALUATION

Your citizenship grade in the class will be based on attendance, punctuality and behavior. Your cumulative academic grade will be based on total points resulting from the following activities:

Assignment	Possible Points	Assignment	Possible Points
Homework	10-20	Rough Draft work	25-50
Quizzes	20-40	Exams	100-125
In-class activities	Points Vary	Essays	100 points
Paragraphs	50 points		

LATE POLICY

When an assignment is due, it is due at the beginning of the hour. **Late work for daily assignments will not be accepted except under the following circumstances:**

You have an excused absence/tardy that interfered with submitting the assignment on time.

You have had a conference with me regarding an extenuating circumstance (example: family emergency)

Long term assignments, such as essays, projects, etc..., **will** be accepted late but will lose a **letter grade** for each day the assignment is late. **After one week, the grade is zero.**

ABSENCES AND TARDIES

Under the block schedule, absences can cause a student to fall behind quickly, so regular and prompt attendance is important to your success in this class.

Tardies

- ✓ You (not your backpack or school materials) are expected to be in the room and ready for class—in your desk—when the tardy bell rings.
- ✓ If you are tardy, set your pass down on my desk and quietly take your seat. If you do not have a pass, quietly take your seat and see me at an appropriate time later in class or after class. In either case, you will need to attend to the class activity/lesson without interrupting other students or me.
- ✓ Detentions may be assigned for every unexcused tardy after your second tardy. Three tardies may result in an “I” for your citizenship grade. Five tardies may result in a “U” for your citizenship grade. See your PCH Student Handbook.
- ✓ **Any work (i.e., quiz) that you miss because of an unexcused tardy cannot be made up. If you have an excused tardy, you have 2 days to make up the work.**

Absences

- ✓ If you miss class, be sure to see me as soon as you return to school. Ac Lab would be a great time to do so.
- ✓ **If you're absent (and it is excused) on the day an assignment is due (and you were present the day the assignment was made), it is expected that the assignment will be ready the day you come back.**

- ✓ **For all other work, including quizzes, tests, and in-class work, you have 2 days to complete make-up work. In-class work (quizzes, tests, etc) and homework may receive a if not submitted within this time frame.**
- ✓ NO work can be made up after an unexcused absence
- ✓ YOU are responsible for making provisions for make-up work in the event of your absence (or extended tardy). I will assist you if you come to me in a timely manner, but I cannot chase you down to ensure that you get missing assignments.
- ✓ When you are absent, you are expected to attempt to follow the assignment and any schedule previously given out.
- ✓ It is always a good idea to have a “contact person” in each class whom you can reach outside of school to find out what you miss in class. I can give you assignments and worksheets, but I generally do not have written copies of class notes.

If you need to see me outside of class in order to complete missing work, you may see me in Ac Lab or before or after school.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

- Not having “the essentials” – writing utensils, paper, some way to organize your materials—is not the way to be successful in class. If lost, extra handouts will not be given to students.
- Bringing food to class is prohibited. Bringing bottled drinks is acceptable, as long as everyone is responsible to clean up their trash. I am not opposed to chewing gum, but I don’t want to hear it or see it.
- Using our class time to complete work for another class is not appropriate.
- Keep cell phones, pages, and headphones out of sight.
- Plagiarism or cheating results in a 0 for the assignment. Other consequences (meet with principal, lower citizenship grade) may result. See page your handbook.
- Please consult the student handbook for other school policies.
- Being kind to yourself and your classmates will go a long way in earning my respect.

MOST IMPORTANTLY,
If you have any questions or concerns about the class, please come and see me.