



Character * Leadership * Attitude * Scholarship * Service

Vista Murrieta High School
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Course Description

In this course students will survey works from the five genres: short stories, poetry, novel, drama, and essay. Within the curriculum designed for these works students will study reading, writing, and analyzing techniques, grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary, presenting to an audience, and active listening skills. All curriculum is based on California State Standards.

Course Texts

Glencoe Literature (Green), by Glencoe/Hall-McGraw

- *The Odyssey*, by Homer
- *Romeo and Juliet*, by William Shakespeare
- Short Stories, Novels, and Poems

Glencoe Grammar and Composition Handbook

To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee

Independent Reading

Class Material

2 Pens
2 #2 Pencils
Post-It Notes
3x5 cards
Lined paper
Binder with English section

Classroom Rules: The Five Be's

Be on Time, in your seat before the bell rings
Be prepared for class with materials and class work
Be respectful to all including your environment
Be attentive
Be a C.L.A.S.S. participant

If any of these rules are broken consequences are as follows: warning, meeting with teacher, report to parents/parent meeting, detention assigned, administrative referral. Depending on severity of offense teacher reserves right to issue immediate referral and contact parents.

Grades

All grades are based on a cumulative point system. The English Department uses the following breakdown for grading.

Grade Percentages

Participation = 10%
Class work/Homework = 30%
Major Projects/Essays = 30%
Unit Tests and Quizzes = 20%
Semester Finals = 10%

Grading Scale: (+/- used in scale)

+100 – 89	A
88-79	B
78-69	C
68-59	D
58 and below	F

Make-up Work Policy

If you are absent all make-up work is your responsibility to get. Please be open and communicative about all absences and find out what you have missed. Remember, it is your grade so be responsible for it.

- Students returning from an absence have **one school day for each day of absence to make up missed assignments.**
- Work cannot be made up if absence will be recorded as truancy.
- Exams and quizzes not made up within five days of the absence will be recorded as a "0".
- If you are absent on the day a major assignment is due, you must make arrangements to turn your work in on time, or it will be considered late.

If you have any questions, please come in to see me before or after school or email.

Sincerely

Ellen Filar

Below I would like both students and parent/guardian signatures to show that you have read and understood the syllabus and class room requirements. This will not be detached and turned in. It should be kept in the student's notebook. It will be checked off for points.

Date:

Period:

Student Signature:

Parent/ Guardian Signature: