

# Class Syllabus

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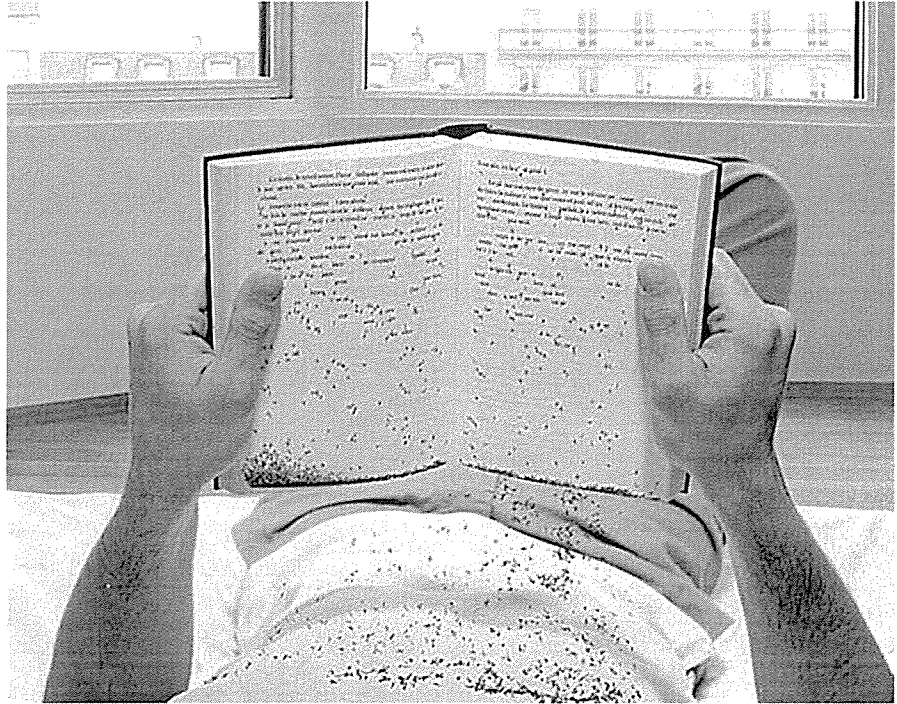
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**Required Materials:** On a daily basis, students will be expected to bring a writing utensil, notebook / journal and independent reading project/book.

The best way to contact me would be through e-mail

## Classroom Expectations:

- Be on time
- Be ready to learn
- Respect your teacher, fellow students and school property
- Be responsible
- Pick up after yourself
- Raise your hand!!!
- Foul language is NOT TOLERATED!
- Food and beverages will only be allowed if all garbage is properly thrown away and it is not a distraction to you or other students.
- Cell phones, PDA's, iPods and other related devices...Should I see them or hear them, they're mine.
- Personal Hygiene-Keep yourself well kempt
- Dress Code: I enforce it. Should you flout it, you'll be sent to the office.
- Bottom Line: Respect the rights of others to learn.



**Homework Expectations:** I have high expectations for you; therefore, you will be working hard to receive an A or a B in this class. Don't simply assume that this is an "easy A." Please know that I expect every one of you to DO homework. It is essential that you turn work in on time. **Late work will be worth ½ credit.** Those who try to finish assignments in class will receive ½ credit. It is late. I will have a basket located in the front of the room for late/absent work. I will also provide a basket with extra copies of each and every assignment or worksheet that is handed out in class. If you are gone for any reason please check this basket first and ensure you have all the necessary materials before coming to speak to me about what you missed.

**Independent Reading Project:** Each of you will be required to read a novel of at least 200 pages during **each semester** of English 9. I have dozens of books that I am willing to check out to you or you can check our school's library. You will also need to complete a fairly large project associated with that novel, so get reading it ASAP! We will have reading time at the beginning of class at least once a week for roughly 10 minutes to allow you time to read in school. Whenever you finish an assignment early, you should immediately begin reading your novel. Therefore, there should rarely, if ever, be "down time" or "nothing to do." The sooner you complete the book, the sooner you can be done with the project!

**Bathroom Passes:** Bathroom passes will be up to my discretion. Typically, I do not like to be interrupted while I am in front of the class. We have relatively short class times here at Southwest so unless it is an emergency, please refrain

from asking to use the restroom. If you abuse this privilege in any way, do not expect me to write you future passes. Be honest. If you have to go, I get it, but please be as quickly as possible and of course, do not disrupt the rest of the class.

### **\*\*Tardiness and Absences**

Please be on time to class and prepared to learn. I know that passing time can be short and requires you to move swiftly but please make it a priority to make it to ALL of your classes on time!

2 tardies = warning

3 tardies = student call home to explain

4 tardies and every other after = a referral is written and potentially more penalties

### **Academic Dishonesty**

I do not tolerate cheating or academic dishonesty of any kind. If I find out that any student is cheating in any way, the assignment will receive a zero and a phone call will be made home. I would much rather you be honest with me and say you didn't complete the assignment and need more time than simply copy someone else's work. This rule also applies to anyone who "helps" another student by allowing them to copy their own work. Don't do it.

**Grading and Behavior:** Please check your grade frequently to ensure you aren't missing any assignments. I am happy to sit down with you and discuss your grade, just schedule it with me beforehand. I work hard to grade without bias and to grade fair. On the other hand, I am extremely biased toward behavior. Do what you're supposed to in class and you will enjoy your experience. Behave poorly in class and your experience will be much less enjoyable.

**The grading scale will be as follows:**

100-90 = A

89-80 = B

79-70 = C

69-60 = D

59-0 = F

### **Last But Certainly Not Least**

I am really looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you and I want to make this the best class it can possibly be! I want us to have a great deal of fun and truly engage with the material and texts that we will be working with. I promise to be fair in all situations. If we can follow the rules and use our time wisely, this will be an extremely fun class.

## **English 9 Units**

Reflective Writing – 1 Week

Novel: The Last Lecture (3-4 Weeks)

Novel: Night Flying Woman (5-6 Weeks)

Author Study: Edgar Alan Poe (1-2 Weeks)

Novel: To Kill a Mockingbird (10 Weeks)

Play: Romeo and Juliet (8 Weeks)

Social Issue Research Paper and Speech (4 Weeks)

Novel: Of Mice and Men (4-5 Weeks)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hour: \_\_\_\_\_

Please review this material with your parents and return to me by Friday for 5 points. By signing this contract, you and your parents are signifying that you know and understand the rules of my classroom and what is required of you on a day-to-day basis.

**Student's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_