

<b>Eleventh Grade Gifted Honors American Literature</b>
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**Course Objectives**

In this course you will focus on reading, interpreting, and analyzing American literature. You will use the textbook, The Language of Literature – McDeDougal Littell), but you will also be relying on many outside readings to enhance your understanding of the periods and genres. Writing is a key element of this course. You will be writing persuasive, informative, and analytical essays.

**Grades**

All of your homework consists of reading and writing. There will be no worksheets and no busy work. I expect you to do the readings when I assign them. I will periodically quiz you on the chapters I have assigned you to read. These quizzes will be part of your homework grade. Obviously, if you fail them, you have not read and therefore, have not done your homework. As we finish each piece of literature, you will have a major test worth 100 points. You will also write essays following the MLA format which also will be worth 100 points.

**Class Rules**

1. Broken printers and malfunctioning equipment of any kind are not an acceptable excuse for late work.
2. You must bring whatever we are reading to class everyday.
3. Arrive on time for class. If you are late, points will be deducted from your grade.
4. You may not miss class for student council meetings.
5. You may not take class time to do your senior project.
6. All writing homework and all papers must be typed. Handwritten work will not be accepted.
7. In my class you are responsible for all your work. I do not give any extra credit or accept make-up work at the end of the marking period. If you are unable to complete your work on time, **you must see me in person**, (I am here at 7:00 AM) or after school. **Under no circumstances may you discuss homework issues before class or during class.**

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