Welcome to AP English Literature and Composition!

According to the College Board, “An AP English Literature and Composition course engages students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. Through the close reading of selected texts, students deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. As they read, students consider a work’s structure, style and themes, as well as such smaller-scale elements as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone.”

So if you like to read and write, this is the course for you! We will be doing A LOT of it. Being a college-level course, it is expected that you will be able to keep up with reading and writing assignments and come to class with a basic understanding of what you have read. In class, you will learn how to analyze literature, practice, and eventually be able to communicate analysis effectively on your own.

This class will prepare you for the AP Lit exam which will be held on **May 8, 2019**. Mark your calendars! The exam is scored on a 0-5 scale, with scores between 3-5 considered “qualifying”. A score of 2 is “potentially qualifying”. Each college determines what its qualifying score is; you can look this information up on the schools’ websites. Following are some qualifying scores:

Northern Michigan University: 3

Central Michigan University: 4

Michigan State University: 4

University of Michigan: 4

What if you do not get a qualifying score or do not plan on taking the test at all? You will have still completed an intensive, college preparatory class that will assist you in your university studies. You will have also read, studied, and written about great pieces of literature. You will have developed an appreciation for those pieces and the authors. It is worth it!

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

*How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster

2 three-ring binders

Pens (black preferred, but blue is acceptable) Notebook

Pencils Loose Leaf Paper

Probable/Possible Novels we will use. It is STRONGLY suggested that you purchase instead of borrowing as we will be marking the books up as we analyze.

*Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles *A Raisin in the* *Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

*Hamlet* by Shakespeare *Dracula* by Bram Stoker

*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald --Possibly others (you will be notified)

\*\*You will also have to choose two novels to read independently from a given list

All other materials (poems, prose passages, handouts) will be copied and given to you. You are expected to keep them neat and organized in one of the three-ring binders.

**EXPECTATIONS:**

1. All KHS rules will be followed, including no phones/devices in the classroom, no backpacks in the classroom, and being marked tardy and absent as warranted. You are responsible for knowing and understanding the agenda policies.
2. This course follows the AP curriculum, but important KHS senior assignments will also have to be completed. This includes the senior essay and mock interviews. The senior research paper will be rolled into the AP curriculum.
3. By nature, this course requires discussion—both in small groups and with the entire class. It is expected that students can respectfully participate in groups. Failure to behave appropriately will result in removal from the classroom.
4. Plagiarism is expressly prohibited in ANY manner. If plagiarism is found, the assignment will receive a “0” and the student will not be allowed to make up the assignment. The KHS handbook outlines punishments for this offense.
5. The content of this course is advanced. Great literature at the college level sometimes has mature themes (love/relationships/hate/violence/etc.) Be aware that mature content will be discussed in a mature and scholarly manner.
6. This course also looks at some Biblical stories and their importance to the world of literature. The Bible will not be taught as a religious text how but great writing alludes to it.
7. The practice writings and multiple choice tests we use are timed and often considered “secure”, meaning they cannot leave the classroom. If you ever miss a practice day, you must see me to make up the assignment before or after school.
8. It is recommended you sign up for my Remind. Text @aafkhf8 to 81010. You can also text me with questions (906) 396-3705. I do not look at my email in the evenings.
9. You are expected to be respectful, listen, responsible, prepared, honest, hard working, and stay on task.
10. Assignments are due as instructed and on time. Dates will be announced in class and posted in class, on the weebly, on PowerSchool, and often on Remind. Full credit will not be given for late work.
11. Grading will be done by points; the number of points depends on the depth of the assignment. There will be homework, quizzes, tests, projects, presentations, and writings. There will also be Responsibility/Participation points.

I have read and understand the information on this form.

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