

Mr. Plumlee
English II
Course Outline

Course Description: This course will review the basic elements of language usage and grammar as well as parts of speech. Students will be working throughout the year with various short stories, poetry, nonfiction, creative writing, and novels. This course will require group work, class discussions, writing prompts, and attentive listening and note taking skills.

Course Themes: Students will be able to look at literature using one or all of the following themes:

- Man Struggles Against Nature
- Man Struggles Against Society
- Crime Does Not Pay
- Overcoming Diversity
- Friendship is Dependent on Sacrifice
- Love is the Worthiest of Pursuits
- Sacrifices Bring Reward
- Humans All Have the Same Needs

Course Planner: Below you will find an outline for the class. Students can expect some kind of reading or writing assignment every day. All out-of-class assignments, including readings, must be completed before the beginning of class on the assigned due date.

Sentence Patterns

- Understanding sentence patterns and basic grammar makes you a better writer. We will attempt to cover one new sentence pattern per week.

Literature Element Study:

- Characterization
- Plot
- Setting
- Theme

Novels

- To Kill a Mockingbird
- Of Mice and Men
- Night
- Anthem

Short Stories

- Harrison Bergeron
- The Monkey's Paw
- The Leap
- The Contents of a Dead Man's Pocket
- There Will Come Soft Rains
- A Sound of Thunder
- The Masque of the Red Death
- The Lottery
- One Thousand Dollars

Drama

- Julius Caesar

Miscellaneous

- Vocabulary Work
- Letters to Authors, etc.

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Description of Major Assignments:

Reading Assignments: Students will be assigned reading homework (i.e., textbook, documents, articles) a few times per week. Most reading assignments will also include a written task (i.e., questions, graphic organizers).

Essay Assignments: Occasionally, students will complete essay assignments. Some of the essays will focus on readings from the class.

Projects: Students will complete various small projects. For most projects, class time will be given to work on the majority of the project as long as students are using their time wisely.

As always, syllabus is subject to change if necessary.