



## English II CP

2024-25 School Year

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*Welcome to American Literature!* I love literature and language, and I hope you will come to love it as well. This class will help prepare you for the demands of college and career literacy. Speaking, reading, and writing well are essential skills; be prepared to practice daily.

### **Readings for the year may include but are not limited to:**

Unit 1- National Origins: Native American myth, Explorer narrative, Slave narrative

Unit 2- Puritans: "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" by Jonathan Edwards; *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

Unit 3- Foundations: Speeches by Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, etc.

Unit 4- American Identity: Transcendental literature (by Emerson, Thoreau, & Whitman)

Unit 5- Fractured Identity: *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

***\*Each unit has a project/presentation component and a writing component which will comprise the bulk of the grade for the unit.***

### **Communication**

Please contact me via email with any questions or concerns. I also use Remind to communicate with students and parents. **Please join the Remind by texting the code @rojas11cp to 81010.**

### **Supplies & Resources**

- College-Ruled Paper/Notebooks
- Black, blue, and red pens/ Pencils & Highlighters / Post-its and flags are also useful
- Chromebook – School Provided
- Textbook – MyPerspectives: American Literature Volume 1 & Volume 2
- Google Classroom – You can find and turn in most assignments here.
- Turnitin.com – Many writing assignments must be submitted here for credit.
- Savvas – English textbook online
- Flipgrid

### **Grading Policies**

#### **Categories**

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Assessments (tests/essays/projects)	60%
Vocabulary Quizzes	10%
Classwork/Homework	20%
Vocab Homework	10%

#### **Letter Grade Percentages**

90-100% A	80-89% B	70-79% C	60-69% D	0-59% F
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## Make Up Policy for Absent Students

- Make up tests will need to be arranged after school or possibly during lunch. Make an appointment.
- Students will have one day to complete make-up work for each day of absence.
- When turning in absent work, it is the responsibility of the student to use proper procedures to receive credit.

## No Late Work

Under extreme circumstances, should I accept late work, it will be at best for ½ credit of points earned, so it's not worth it. Just complete it on time. Students are advised to complete work on time as repeated lateness will substantially lower your grade. Extra credit assignments will NOT be created to replace assignments that students did not complete on time. For those who have earned a Renaissance Card, an "Oops" or "Homework Pass" can be used to turn something in one day late for full credit.

## Tips for Success!

1. FOLLOW ALL SCHOOL RULES: Avoid distractions. **NO cell phones can be out without permission.**
2. Exchange contact info with a learning partner in the same class.
3. Check Google Classroom and the Aeries portal regularly for grades. Grades will be updated regularly. Please understand that some assignments take longer to grade so they won't be uploaded chronologically.
4. Study, read, or review notes or work on assignments for a designated time each day. Procrastination creates stress and overwhelm.
5. Complete all assignments to the best of your ability. Readings and tasks are intended to prepare you to do a culminating essay, project, or presentation.
6. For better understanding, be sure to make connections between American history and the texts we read.
7. You can see me after school for extra assistance.

## Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty

### Logins/Passwords/Codes

Your intellectual property is contained in your Google Classrooms and files. Never share your passwords or login codes with anyone. You are responsible for keeping your accounts private.

### Cheating

*Cheating* undermines the academic integrity of the school and will not be tolerated. Students who talk to other students, have cheat sheets, or have handled unauthorized devices such as smart watches or cell phones during test sessions, (whether or not they cheated) will earn a zero for the test and will not be allowed a make-up.

### Plagiarism

*Plagiarism* consists of using another's words as one's own, inadequate paraphrasing, and failing to cite sources. Plagiarism comes in many forms, and the internet is a common source. Students are advised to NEVER copy and paste anything from the internet into their documents and to rigorously paraphrase and credit any source used.

**1st Academic Dishonesty Offense- Student earns a 0 on that assignment, and it is reported to the AP office to be placed on their record.**

### Subsequent or More Flagrant Offenses may result in:

- Disqualification from academic awards
- Suspension
- Being dropped from the class with an F

# Classroom Expectations - The 3 Bs

	<b>BE RESPECTFUL</b>	<b>BE RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>BE SAFE</b>
<b>IN CLASS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove hats/hoods/earbuds and store cell phones before entering the class</li> <li>Greet teacher and peers upon entry</li> <li>One person speaks at a time</li> <li>Respect differing opinions</li> <li>Ask permission to leave your seat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be in your assigned seat before the bell rings</li> <li>Bring necessary materials</li> <li>Be attentive and focused</li> <li>Take notes / Be productive</li> <li>Participate in class</li> <li>Return borrowed materials properly</li> <li>Use Chromebook for academic purposes only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep aisles free of backpacks and other trip hazards</li> <li>See something (unsafe, unkind, suspicious), say something</li> <li>Do not throw objects</li> </ul>
<b>USE OF TECHNOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use polite &amp; scholarly language in emails &amp; Remind communication</li> <li>Always include full name/class period in messages</li> <li>Include name, class period, and date on all work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid distractions (cell phone)</li> <li>Charge Chromebook nightly at home</li> <li>Bring Chromebook to class daily</li> <li>Pace yourself and check assignments daily to complete work on time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do NOT share login information, passwords, or personal codes with anyone</li> <li>Click on trustworthy links/sites.</li> <li>Seek help sooner rather than later if issues arise</li> </ul>
<b>ASSIGNMENT COMPLETION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do your best work</li> <li>Use academic language</li> <li>Maintain integrity</li> <li>Do NOT copy or permit copying</li> <li>Include name, class period, and date on all work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow teacher's instructions</li> <li>Name/Date/Period on all work</li> <li>Turn in assignments on time</li> <li>Make sure work is legible and clear</li> <li>Do your best work rather than just the minimum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain integrity</li> <li>Avoid plagiarism</li> <li>Double check that you attached files/submitted correctly</li> <li>Talk to the teacher if you need additional help</li> <li>Reduce stress by completing work daily</li> </ul>
<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow teacher's instructions</li> <li>Do your best work</li> <li>Maintain integrity</li> <li>Do NOT copy or allow copying/ cheating of any kind</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare for assessments through daily effort and review</li> <li>Read all directions carefully</li> <li>Complete &amp; submit on time</li> <li>Follow procedures for submitting essays (i.e. Turnitin.com)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain integrity</li> <li>Avoid plagiarism</li> <li>Do NOT screenshot or share your work with anyone</li> <li>Keep your eyes on your own work</li> </ul>

## Consequences

- Level 1 - Counsel student
- Level 2 - Contact parent
- Level 3 - Contact parent and assistant principal
- Level 4 - Referral to AP office

**Bulldog Bucks may be awarded spontaneously to those to exemplify the 3 Bs!**

**Syllabus, English 11CP, Rojas** - Please sign below and return this page only.

**We have read, discussed, and understand the information presented in this syllabus.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that any and all written assignments turned into Mrs.

(PRINT FULL NAME)

Rojas's class are of my own creation. Any and all assignments turned into this class will be my original work and

will not be plagiarized/stolen/copied. I understand that plagiarizing includes but is not limited to:

- Copying a friend's work
- Copy/Pasting from the internet without citing the source
- Using a paper that a friend/family member wrote in the past
- Paraphrasing thoughts/ideas that are not mine without citing the source
- Any writing that is not of my own creation/thoughts
- Work "inspired" by my fellow classmates' work
- A paid for essay from an app or website
- Anything written by a program/website including AI tools
- "If you use someone else's words, you must put them within quotation marks unless directed otherwise by your instructor. If you rephrase someone else's words, you should change the wording substantially AND cite the original source. Small changes are not enough to make someone else's words or ideas your own" (source: Penn State).

By signing this I understand that my actions have consequences and if I am to turn in any work that is not my own, I will receive a zero on the assignment and not receive any chance to redo the assignment. I also understand that zeroes on my assignments can impact my grade heavily and possibly prevent passing the class and/or graduating on time as a result.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student's English Class Period \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Video Permission Slip**

My student has permission to participate in the following supplemental video assignments:

- *The Crucible* (1996) Director Nicholas Hytner - 1st Semester
- *The Great Gatsby* (2013) Director Baz Luhrmann - 2nd Semester

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name(print) \_\_\_\_\_