



RR LA 10 A Grand Haven High School



Course Number: S42
Grade Level: 10
Credits : .5
Prerequisite Courses : RR LA 9 A & B

Course Description

ALC-A is a eighteen-week course students need to fulfill one of their English graduation requirements. It is a course that focuses on the study of various pieces of American literature, which provide the backdrop for student writing. The course is divided into two units that are nine weeks in length, and are based on two themes of study.

Course Objectives

Course content is taught according to English Common Core Standards. Assessment of written assignments will be oriented toward the skills required for success on the Michigan Merit Examination:

- Clear understanding of the task
- Student takes a position on the issue
- Student examines different perspectives of the issue
- Ideas are fully developed
- Paper shows clear focus
- Paper is organized
- Paper includes transitions
- Paper has a well-developed and effective introduction and conclusion
- Paper shows sentence variety

Student Expectations

Classroom Expectations:

- ☐ Be respectful and courteous of others and Mrs. Clark at all times.
- ☐ Be prepared for class! Bring all materials and books to class on a daily basis.
- ☐ Follow classroom Capturing Kids Hearts Social Contract
- ☐ Students are expected to adhere to the policies of the GHHS Handbook.

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Communication

Please never hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I check my email quite frequently throughout the day so that is the easiest and quickest way to reach me. I'm looking forward to working with you and your student this semester!

Grading Policy

Participation - 20%:

In addition to the obvious (being prepared for class, staying alert and focused, and participating in discussions and small group activities), the participation portion of your grade will include a weekly participation grade and your completion of daily written responses.

Vocabulary and Grammar - 30%:

We will complete vocabulary assignments based on words used in the novels and text. In addition to the vocabulary packet and quiz, you will complete various smaller assignments designed to help you learn the words' spelling, definitions, and usage. We will also review grammar and mechanics concepts periodically throughout the year.

Assignments and Assessments - 50% (Final Exam composes 20%):

Assignments for this class include both informal and formal writing, individual and group projects and discussion questions, occasional reading quizzes, and graphic organizers, as well as a variety of other means of enhancing your learning.

Grading Scale:

100%-92%= A
91%-90%= A-
89%-88%= B+
87%-82%= B
81%-80%= B-
79%-78%= C+
77%-72%= C
71%-70%= C-
69%-68%= D+
67%-62%= D
61%-60%= D-

Scope and Sequence

Unit 1: Individual and Society

- *The Crucible (Arthur Miller) & Goog Night and Good Luck
- * Dead Poets Society
- * Romanticism: Transcendentalism (Ralph Waldon Emerson & Henery David

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Thoreau) and the Fireside poets

* Walt Whitman

Unit 2: Integrity and Equality

* Frederick Douglass

* To Kill a Mockingbird (Harper Lee) and/or Aventure of Huckleberry Finn
(Mark Twain)

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