

## Teacher Information

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## MATERIALS LIST:

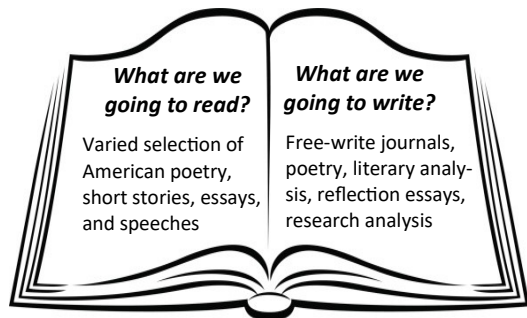
### Required

binder  
tab dividers  
loose leaf paper

**Suggested**  
highlighters  
post-it notes

**Provided**  
textbook and novels

In-person, you'll want a binder. Unit folders on your computer will be best for virtual school (unless you print everything—then get a binder). Suggested annotating materials are most useful for printed texts.



## Objectives and Expectations

By the end of the school year you should feel not only well-educated in regards to American Literature but also more confident when it comes to reading, writing, thinking, and verbalizing. To accomplish these goals, let's all remember to live by these expectations:

**Live the Golden Rule:** Be respectful—of your classmates, your teacher, and your environment.

**Be Present:** Do what you are supposed to do when you are supposed to be doing it.

**Push Yourself:** You won't get better if you don't expect more from yourself.

**Embrace Knowledge:** Learning is not about taking a test; it's about discovery and exploration. Remember this.

## Course Units of Study

We will use primarily American literature to examine three important topics:

1. Our Changing Nation and Its Changing Arts
2. The Purpose of Literature
3. The Quest

Additional areas of study include the following:

- research strategies
- APA format
- ACT grammar and test tips
- reading skills

## Tutoring

Please take advantage of my office hours!

M/W: 9:15-10, 2:45-3:30

T/Th: 2-3:30

F: 1-3:30

## Grading Policy

*Summative Assessments (tests, projects): 45%*  
*Formative Assessments (practice, quizzes): 25%*  
*Semester Exam: 30%*

## Late Work Policy

I will not collect a unit's work after its summative assessment for any reason.

I will collect late work submitted before the summative to provide you feedback, but if the assignment has been entered in the gradebook, I will not change the grade.

Extenuating circumstances happen. We'll deal with those as they come up.

## Re-take Policy

At the discretion of the teacher.