

WHS Book Rationale

Title: A Farewell to Arms

Author: Ernest Hemingway

- **Intended Audience**

English 9 Honors and English 9

- **Brief summary and educational significance**

- This novel explores the tragic romance of American Frederick Henry, a World War I soldier and his British nurse, Catherine Barkley. It details the experience of the World War I soldier and his disillusionment with war. Nobel Prize winner Ernest Hemingway shares details of his own experiences as an ambulance driver in the war in this semi-autobiographical novel.

- **Purpose of teaching the work and how it will be used**

- To introduce students to the Hemingway Code Hero, to talk about the plight of war and its effects on the human self. Symbolism, themes, motifs, tragedy, tragic characters, character development, and sentence structure are explored.

- **Potential problems**

- Alcohol abuse, premarital sex, STD's, desertion, anti-war sentiment

- **Addressing potential problems**

- Allows students to explore the effects of war on a nation as a whole and on the individual. Discuss the consequences of risqué sexual and social behaviors. Discuss Hemingway's life and its influence on the novel. This novel helps us to continue the exploration of the hero and the difference between the Hemingway Hero and the heroes of other novels.