

English 11
Ms. Prior | room 212
Course Syllabus

Description:

This is a platform based course, meaning all materials for the course (except for the novels) will be provided through the Summit Platform. All assignments will be submitted through the Summit Platform, and grading will also take place in the Summit Platform. Grades will be transferred to PowerSchool for interims and at the end of each quarter. These grades are current “snapshots” of a student’s progress and not the final grade until the end of the year, as this is a year-long course and a year-long grade.

Grading

Focus Areas: 20%

Projects: 80%

Units:

- Unit 1: Technical Writing
- Unit 2: Love, Empathy, and Destruction
- Unit 3: What is Rhetoric and Why Should I Care?
- Unit 4: Why We Need Satire?
- Unit 5: The American Dream

Policies

Grading:

- This is a year long class and a year long grade. All posted grades are “snapshots” of the current progress of the student.
- Focus areas will be completed as a class and during class time at the beginning of the school year. Doing this sets students up for success for the rest of the year.
- Class time will be used for all work. Students are expected to complete assignments during class time.
- For all units, checkpoints will be assigned. These are building blocks for the final products in each unit. All checkpoints must be “greened” (students can only have 1 “yellowed” checkpoint) before a final product will be scored.
- If a student completes all checkpoints, but does not turn in a final product, they can still earn half of the points for the final product.
- Students have until the end of each quarter to complete the unit(s) done during that quarter. The end of each quarter is a hard deadline for units.

Behavior:

- As this is a junior level course, students are expected to behave in a more mature manner.
- Students are welcome to eat or drink water (juice, gatorade, pop, coffee, etc.) in class, provided they clean up after themselves.

- Food deliveries are not permitted in class.
- Students are welcome to use the restroom as they need, provided they let me know where they are going.
- If a student needs to take a lap for a variety of reasons, they will, more than likely be permitted to do so, provided they let the instructor know and are back in an agreed upon time.
- Students are expected to come to class on time and prepared to work.