



Literature and Composition

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Course Description

Welcome to Literature and Composition! During this course, you will continue to grow as an expert learner, specifically in the skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. You will engage with a variety of genres and text types, including folktales, short stories, poems, novels, and informational text. You will develop your ability to think deeply and make connections to the wider world. Through reading, writing, and research, you will build comprehension, language, and writing skills. You will collaborate with your peers, engage in evidence-based discussions, and present your ideas in a variety of formats. You will set goals and reflect on your learning. Specific text selections for each class as based on grade level developed curriculum.

Supplies

School Computer

5 Subject Spiral Notebook

Index Cards

Pens and Pencils

Highlighters

1 2-Pocket Folder with Prongs



Grading Scale

90-100%	= A
80-89%	= B
70-79%	= C
60-69%	= D
50-59%	= F



Assignment Types

- Quizzes / Tests - reading, grammar, vocabulary
- Writing - varied purposes and formats
- Discussions - class and small group
- Projects - creative and collaborative

Academic Integrity

All work in this class is expected to be your own, completed by you for this class. If you receive help from an article, book, or website, you must indicate that on the assignment. This is called citing your sources. When you take credit for someone else's work, it is plagiarism. We will discuss this both as a high school and in our class.

AI Usage

In this class, all writing will be your own. AI will not be used to generate, draft, or complete any writing for you. I cannot help you grow as a writer if I cannot see your writing. However, AI may be used in specific ways I will tell you about, such as brainstorming ideas or getting feedback on a revision. In those cases, I will give you clear instructions on how to use it appropriately. When in doubt, ask.



★ Policies & Community

Classroom Environment



Our class will be one where everyone belongs and everyone learns. All interactions will be respectful of one another, our shared space, the Catholic faith, and all who we welcome into our classroom. Be mindful of tone, volume, and expression when speaking to one another, or to our faculty. Students are expected to actively listen when a peer or a teacher is speaking.

Conduct & Discipline

Students are expected to be on time, on task, and respectful every day. Possible consequences for inappropriate behavior include white cards, parent conferences, loss of privileges, detention, suspension, and referrals.

DISCIPLINE

Attendance & Tardies

We will follow the school attendance policy. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed.

Being tardy to class has consequences! On the third tardy to class, you will receive a white card, and consequences are escalated to Mrs. Gladden and Mr. Ater.



Attendance & Missing Work

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Check our daily agenda for missed assignments and due dates. Missing assignments will be indicated in the grade book. Assignments not completed in a timely manner will show as an I (Incomplete) and can no longer be made up.

★ Classroom Procedures & Expectations



Entering Class	Class Materials
Look at the board and follow the instructions you see there every day. If the door is closed, wait in the hall. Be in your seat and ready to start work when the bells rings.	Bring all materials from page 1 every day, including a charged computer and an independent reading book. If you finish early, read silently. 
Cell Phones 	Hall Pass 
Cell phone use should be limited to an emergency need basis. If you need to use your phone for such a reason, please ask before using it or getting it from your bag/locker. 	Use the restroom between classes when possible. No more than two people may be out of the room at a time. Always sign in and out, and take a hall pass when leaving.
Food / Drink / Gum	Leaving Class
Water is allowed. Please fill your bottle between classes. No food or gum is allowed in class. Mints are fine as long as it is disposed of in the trash. 	You will have one minute to pack up at the end of class. Do not pack up early or gather by the door. You will be dismissed when the bell rings. 