

## English 9 & 11 - Ms. Qafaiti's Course Syllabus / Expectations

Coursework is designed to facilitate mastery of the Common Core State Standards and to help you become a better reader, writer, speaker, and thinker. Along the way, **freshmen**, we'll enjoy compelling literature, including short stories, novels, and poetry throughout the world. While **juniors** will enjoy American literature, including short stories, novels, and poetry. We'll improve your grammar, advance your vocabulary, increase your confidence about your ability to read and think critically, and I hope, have a really great time learning together.

### CLASSROOM GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS

BE RESPONSIBLE  
BE RESPECTFUL  
BE RESILIENT



\*School Policy on tardy and homework cards will be followed. My classroom policy is you must be in your seat (*before the tardy bell rings*), with all required materials and homework out on your desk.

### TECHNOLOGY

For this class, you will be using Google Classroom, StudySync, Turnitin.com, Socrative, and Remind. You will need to bring your Chromebook fully charged to class in order to do well. Codes will be given to you in class.

Phone usage is NOT allowed during class time unless given permission. Phones will be confiscated and turned in to the front office if misused.



### CLASS MATERIALS

- Fully charged Chromebook
- Writing utensils (pen or pencil)
- Class reading book
- Binder with lined paper & Agenda
- School ID
- Independent Reading book
- Homework
- StudySync Workbook

### LATE POLICY / MAKE-UP POLICY



Late assignments will not receive full credit and are due by **OFFICE HOURS** for 50%. After office hours, assignments will no longer be accepted. You are responsible for getting any missed notes or assignments that were given during an excused absence. Per district policy you have TWO days for every day

absent for missed work. Late work can be found in the folders in the front of the class labelled for each day of the week. Unexcused absences will receive **ZERO** credit. Make-up tests will be given during Office Hours or by appointment.

### **TUTORING / CONTACT INFO**

Tutoring hours: Mon - Thur 3:00 - 4:00 / By appointment

*\*Hours subject to change*

If you need to reach me after-hours, the best way is via email at **[selena.qafaiti@sausd.us](mailto:selena.qafaiti@sausd.us)**

### **HOW TO SUCCEED IN MY CLASS**

**Beginning of class** → Take a seat, put your phone/headphones away, read agenda, take out materials/homework for the day, and wait for further instructions.

**During class** → Be an active participant in your learning. **Listen, collaborate, and ask questions.** REMAIN in your seat during lesson, don't interrupt the class to ask to go to the restroom, sharpen a pencil, etc. Use Agenda to write down any homework assignments and/or important dates.

**End of class** → At the 3 minute mark, clean up your area and stay in your seat until dismissal. WAIT to put your headphones in until **after** you exit my classroom.

### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Academic dishonesty will **NOT** be tolerated under any circumstances. Cheating, copying, or plagiarism of any form will result in the following consequences:

- Failed Assignment
- Parent Phone Call
- Immediate Discipline Referral



**DON'T MISS IMPORTANT INFO!**

**Check Google Classroom and Remind for Updates!!**



## GRADEBOOK POLICY

The grades in this class will be categorized as follows:

<b>Classwork / Homework:</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Writing / Projects:</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Tests / Quizzes:</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Participation:</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Independent Reading:</b>	<b>5%</b>

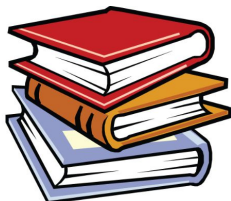
## ENGLISH UNITS / ACTIVITIES

### Freshmen:

- StudySync
- *To Kill A Mockingbird*
- *Of Mice and Men*
- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *The Odyssey*
- In class essays
- Book Club / Independent reading

### Juniors:

- StudySync
- *The Crucible*
- *The Great Gatsby*
- In class research paper
- In class essays
- Book club / Independent reading



## REMEMBER TO ALWAYS R.O.A.R

Resilience  
Ownership  
Achievement  
Respect



*\*This syllabus is subject to change at any given time throughout the year.\**