**AP Language and Composition**

**Course Syllabus**

Union High School

2018-2019

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Plan Period: 3rd hour

**Texts used:**

*The Prentice Hall Reader* by George Miller

*50 Essays: A Portable Anthology* by Samuel Cohen

*The Language of Composition* by Shea, Scanlon, and Aufses

Additional Books (for both semesters):

*To Kill a Mockingbird*

*In Cold Blood*

*Angela’s Ashes*

*The Great Gatsby*

**What to expect:**

AP Language is a college-level course designed to prepare you for writing in college as well as for taking the AP English Language Exam in May 2019. The reading selections and writing assignments are rich and challenging. We will concentrate on analyzing essays, speeches, and other literature by doing close reading as well as developing other skills necessary for the exam. The analytical skills you learn in this class will serve you well throughout the rest of your academic career and also throughout your professional life regardless of your chosen major or career field. Because this is a college-level course, appropriately mature behavior will be expected.

**Anticipated Skill Focus:**

* College Level Critical Reading and Writing
* College Level Vocabulary/ Language terms
* Emphasis on style and grammar
* Documented Essay(s)
* Prose/Nonfiction analysis
* Argument and argument analysis
* Major themes covered: History and Politics and their impact on society, Shaping one’s identity, Language reveals who we are, Gender roles and their impact on society

**Grading Policy**

Essays and major assignments will be given a specific due date. These are due at the BEGINNING of the hour. If you are absent on the day a non-homework assignment is due, it is your responsibility to see that I still receive your assignment on the due date. You may always email your assignment to me to assure that I receive it in a timely manner, but you must submit a copy to me upon your return. If an essay, that goes in your 50% category, is turned in late, 10 points will be taken off for each day it’s late. After 3 days, I will no longer accept the assignment.

**Homework assignments will NOT be accepted late for any reason other than an excused absence. (Per Union High School’s expectations, any truancy must be cleared within 48 hours upon return to class or assignment will not be accepted)**

Essays and other assignments for which submission to turnitin.com is required are not considered turned-in until that process has been successfully completed. (You will receive a confirmation number just like when you purchase something online! Make sure that you WRITE DOWN this confirmation number.) Turning in or emailing a copy to me will not prevent a deduction in points for lateness. All essays written outside of the classroom require submission to turnitin.com.

**Please note that computer malfunctions and/or printer issues are not acceptable excuses for turning work in late. You get at least three weeks to work on each out of class essay. Life happens; plan accordingly!**

**Plagiarism:**

We turn all out of class essays in to turnitin.com. This website is a plagiarism detector. Let me say that again, this website is a plagiarism detector. If your paper is detected as a plagiarized essay OR you are the essay that was plagiarized from, your paper will receive a zero. We have no way to determine which essay was truly written first. You must protect your work and do not let others use your work. It is cheating regardless of who copied and who gave an assignment to be copied. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**No cell phones will be allowed during an entire quiz/testing class period.**

**Make-up Work**

The experience of class cannot be replicated; therefore, absences hamper the student’s learning process. Students have the responsibility of initiating make-up plans and completing the make-up work in the time allotted in the student handbook. If you know you are going to be absent for any reason (doctor’s visits, band trips, college visits), you need to get your work **beforehand** so you can still turn it in on time. If you miss a quiz or test, they can ONLY be made up before or after school in correlation with the student handbook.

**Grading**

Grades will be based on the percentage system and will fall into three categories:

50%--tests, essays, vocab notebook oral test

30%--quizzes, in-class writes, vocab notebook, some projects

20%--homework assignments and group assignments

10%--semester final exam (Those students taking the AP exam in May will not have to take the spring semester final.) \*I reserve the right to determine what assignments qualify for each category.

**Necessary supplies**

* A 3-ring binder for handouts and notes, which should be kept in a neat, chronological order
* A flash (jump) drive for saving documents
* Two yellow writing tablets (8 ½ x 11 inches, NOT legal size); (This will be left in the classroom for timed writings, no need to put your name on these)
* Post-It-notes for vocabulary and annotating
* Highlighters (4 colors: Pink, Blue, Green, and Yellow are a must!)
* A blue or black ink pen for in-class writes and a pencil for multiple choice practice test