



Accelerated English 1-A & B Syllabus and Class Overview

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Accelerated English I Periods 2 & 8

Texts:

1. Elements of Literature Third Course (Holt, Rinehart, and Winston)
2. Sadlier-Oxford *Vocabulary Workshop*: Level D
3. Novels: O Pioneers by Willa Cather, Animal Farm by George Orwell
4. *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
5. *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad
6. A Quick Reference to the Research Paper, S. Sorenson
7. Other reading materials and handouts as needed.

Required Class Materials:

- PENS—blue or black ink only (use of any other color will result in rewriting)
- 200 Index cards—needed throughout the school year
- 1—3-ring binder—helps organize the many handouts/notes(NO zippered binders)
- Packet of loose leaf notebook paper—college ruled

BE PREPARED:

**Bring the above listed items to class EVERYDAY. Students will NOT be permitted to go to lockers to get items they have forgotten.

Class Objectives and General Goals:

1. To read, analyze and discuss various genres (types) of literature.
2. To write and respond to all types of literature through individual and group activities.
3. To become familiar with the reading and writing process.
4. To actively participate in discussions generated by language arts.
5. To complete homework assignments.
6. To recognize and correctly use grammar concepts.
7. To prepare for the OGT (Ohio Graduation Test)
8. To explore and engage in the English language.

Grading System

Students will be evaluated through daily participation/activities, homework, writing applications, quizzes, tests, a written research paper and any other method that the teacher deems appropriate.

Classroom Policies:

Attendance: This class follows the school policy outlined in the BSHS Student Handbook. IF you are absent from class, it is YOUR responsibility to see me to get missed work and to arrange times for make ups. This must be done BEFORE or AFTER class...not during class.

Tardy to class:

If you arrive tardy to class, or are not in your seat when the bell rings, you will be issued 15 minutes of detention. IF it is a continual problem you will be referred to the office.

Missed assignments: All assignments are to be handed in during class on the day they are due, NO assignments will be accepted late.

Cheating Policy: Any student caught cheating, taking work from another student or giving work to another student that has not been authorized by the teacher, will result in an automatic referral to the appropriate administrator and an automatic **ZERO** for the work.

Plagiarism is taking words or ideas from an author and crediting them as your own. Students will be required to write papers involving the use of outside sources for information. Any student who directly quotes from, or paraphrases the unique ideas of an author **without citing that author** as the source of information will be in violation of plagiarism. It is a form of cheating and will be handled as stated above.

Classroom Procedures:

1. **Vocabulary**—Vocabulary will be covered from both the workbook and for all reading materials. Vocabulary quizzes will take place regularly.
2. **Tests and Exams**—There will be tests following each unit of material we cover. They will be both objective and subjective in nature. **COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS** are given at the end of each semester.
3. **3-Ring Binders**—These will be used to keep and organize ALL English materials...Bring them with you everyday.
4. **Independent Novels--** You will be required to read novels outside of class and complete a novel project. Books can be from the library, home, or other source.
5. **Computer Use**—We will be using the school computers, you will need to be sure your internet use form is turned into the office. Also, computer use is a privilege, not a right, and you should be respectful of the school's property.