

ENGLISH

Language Arts 5/6 (LA 5/6)

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Class Schedule: Periods - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Class Location: A Hall - 201

Course Readings: Textbook - *Timeless Voices Timeless Themes*
The Crucible
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
Of Mice & Men
Their Eyes Were Watching God
The Great Gatsby

Weekly short stories, novel excerpts, articles, biographies, etc.

****All texts are provided by the teacher, however novels are recommended for purchase.**

Course Description: This course continues emphasis on composition skills and rhetorical analysis through a focus on American literature and literary time periods. Studies will focus on the colonization of America and the Romantic period of literature. This will include the exploration of English as a developing and changing language. Students will be studying the development of American Literature and important American authors. All literary study is supported by composition. Students will also learn and practice critical reading skills in literature and informational text to determine main ideas, author's craft, themes, tone and personal connections. Students will develop inquiry skills using the basics of argumentation through multiple assessments. Students will continue to learn and practice supporting claims with evidence and reasoning. Emphasis will be placed on vocabulary development, composition skills, critical reading, and critical writing skills in an effort to support the student's best possible performance on the SAT exam.

Materials:

- 1" or 1.5" Binder with 5 section dividers (labeled ELA Tool Kit, Current Unit, Graded Work, Vocabulary and Misc. Class Handouts)
- Writing Journal (1 subject to remain in the classroom)
- Highlighters, blue/black pens, pencils with erasers, red or green pen/pencil for revisions
- Post-It notes (1 pack for annotations)
- Personal novel for SSR (Silent Sustained Reading) reading everyday

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be on Time
2. Be Prepared (pen, pencil, paper, textbook/novel, completed homework, etc.)
3. Be Respectful

My classroom expectations are non-negotiables. The classroom door will close when the bell rings and all late students will be marked tardy. You **MUST** have a pass if you are late to class. We will always show respect to each other and to ourselves. Inappropriate interruptions during class lectures, discussion, group share, etc. will not be tolerated.

1st Offence - Verbal Warning

2nd Offence - Phone Call Home & PBIS Referral

3rd Offence - Phone Call Home, PBIS Referral and School Administrator meeting with parent.

Snacks are acceptable in my class - You must clean up after yourself. If you don't you will lose this privilege. Water bottles are acceptable.

Cell Phones/Technology:

ALL cell phones are to be placed in your assigned number of the hanging pocket chart on the classroom closet door...NO EXCEPTIONS. They are to remain there unless otherwise directed. Cell phones will be confiscated by me if you are seen using your phone in class at any time.. All confiscated phones will be given back to the student at the end of the class for a 1st offence. Repeated inappropriate use of cellphones during class will result in your confiscated phone being turned into the main office and you will receive a PBIS referral from me along with administrative action that follows the school cell phone policy.

Chromebook carts will be used frequently in class. Any inappropriate use or treatment of the school Chromebooks will result in the student losing access and use of them. You will use the Chromebook that is your assigned seat number and MUST replace and plug in the laptop accordingly.

Assignments & Grading:

If you are absent it is your responsibility to obtain the work you missed. Also if you missed the instructions given in class, it is your responsibility to check the class blog for further direction. The blog will be updated daily.

Formative Assessments - 20%	Summative Assessments - 80%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bell work ● Weekly vocabulary ● Daily homework ● Outlines and drafts of essays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reading/Vocabulary Quizzes ● Unit assessments ● Final Essays ● Socratic Seminars ● Class Participation (10pts/month) ● Book Talks (SSR Novels) ● Articles of the Week (AoW)

****ALL STUDENTS THAT WOULD LIKE TO RETAKE/REWRITE A UNIT ASSESSMENT MUST NOTIFY ME THE SAME DAY THE FIRST ASSESSMENT IS HANDED BACK - - NO EXCEPTIONS.** Your retake will be after school, Tuesday - Friday only, and will be no more than 48 hours from the time you receive your first assessment back.

Grading Scale:

A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
E	59 and below

**** Grades will not be rounded for any reason****

Teacher Blog, Remind App & NewsELA

All class handouts and information will be available on our class blog. You can find it by searching my name on the DPS iBlog website and the address is on the 1st page of this syllabus.

iblog.dearbornschools.org/hadoum

We will use the Remind App as a part of our class for daily reminders.

My class Remind code is: _____

Attendance Policy:

Students will follow FHS attendance policies. Students are considered tardy to class if he/she is not in their assigned seat working on the bell work when the bell rings. Please keep in mind 4 tardies = 1 absence and 10 absences results in AUDIT & potentially reduced credit in the class.

Homework/Late Work/Makeup Policy:

Students may correct/rewrite a unit assessment one time to improve their grade. The new score will be entered. If the new score is lower your first grade will remain. All unit assessment corrections will be due on the following Monday. Any final essay revisions turned in for a rewrite must be done by the following Monday.

Late assignments will only be accepted for full credit if you were absent and they are handed in the next school day. If you hand in an assignment late, not due to absence, you will lose 50% on that assignment. Late/Missing assignments not due to an absence will only be accepted at the discretion of the teacher. If this is a repetitive behavior you can expect for them to not be accepted at all. Further action will be taken if necessary regarding missing assignments, which includes parent phone call/email and administrative follow up.

Academic Integrity Statement:

The English Department at Fordson High School adheres to a strict zero tolerance policy on academic misconduct. Academic misconduct is defined as any dishonest representation of academic work, including but not limited to, plagiarism, fabrication, deception, cheating, bribery, forgery, sabotage, and personating. Any student caught committing academic misconduct will receive an automatic zero on the assignment and will not be permitted to make up the grade. Teachers may assign further penalties at their discretion. This includes, but not limited to, copying another student's work, copying information from the Internet or other sources, using anyone else's work to complete your own. All students will be responsible for their own work from start to finish. Any occurrences of plagiarism, whether from a published source or classmate, will be subject to the discipline of Dearborn Public Schools.

Hall Passes:

Students must have a hall pass completed by a teacher if they are in the hallways during class time. If you are late to my class you will be marked tardy if you don't have a pass. Passes will only be given by me for emergencies or if the student is requested by an administrator. Please kindly use the bathroom during your hall passing time.

You MUST have your planner if you need a pass - No exceptions.

Parents & Students - - COMPLETE THIS PORTION OF THE SYLLABUS
We have read and understand the course requirements and expectations.

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Student Name Printed	Student Name Signature	Date
	x	
Parent/Guardian Name Printed	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Contact Information:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name:

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Email Address:

Phone Number:

Preferred (circle one):

Email

Phone Call

Questions or comments:

