

- **Course Description**

This course emphasizes the development of literacy, critical thinking, and communication skills. Students will analyze texts from various genres; conduct research and analyze the information gathered. Students will develop their skills through the writing and revision of essays, short stories, poetry, and the discussion of assigned literature and media texts. Grammar instruction will concentrate on developing an understanding of the relationships between words and sentences and how they combine to create meaning.

- **Required Supplies**

- Black and/or dark blue ink pens and pencils
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 folder with brads and pockets
- 1 subject notebook spiral w/holes
- USB Flashdrive/Jumpdrive (suggested)

- **Types of Assignments**

- Reading- novels, short stories, essays, poetry, etc.
- Writing-essays, short stories, poetry, etc.
- Journals/Response logs- Reflections
- Group Projects- team building, cooperative learning, group presentations
- Research Project
- Other assessments- daily grade, tests, quizzes

- **Guidelines for Course Grade**

You will be graded daily (4pts. possible)

- Coming to class on time
- Being prepared with necessary materials
- Participating
- Following class rules

In addition to your daily grade, you will earn grades on the variety of assignments listed above. Points will be averaged and given a grade based on the grading scale provided in the student handbook:

92-100	A
83-91	B
74-82	C
66-73	D
0-65	F

- **Assignment/Make Up Policy**

- MISSED ASSIGNMENTS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! If you have an excused absence that keeps you from either turning in an assignment or receiving instructions for an assignment, it is your duty to talk to me or a peer about the assignment as soon as you return. You will have only as many days as you were out to submit the assigned work.