

AP Literature and Composition

Rm. D202

Course Description:

AP Literature offers an introduction to the classic writings organized around various national communities. Its geographical focus varies from semester to semester, as do its choices of literary genres. Students will learn how to read and analyze national writers and their works within historical and cultural contexts.

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Course Outline:

**Unit 1**: *Dr. Faustus*, by Christopher Marlowe

**Unit 2**: *The Metamorphoses*, by Franz Kafka

**Unit 3**: *The Gambler*, by Fyodor Dostoevsky

**Unit 4**: *Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens

**Grading Structure:**

70% Summative Assessments

* Student grades will be based primarily on the major projects (summative assesments) at the end of each unit.

30% Formative Classwork

* Daily assignments, independent practice in class and homework.

**Rules/Policies/Expectations:**

* Classroom expectations:
  + See attached document for further details.
* Please refer to your student handbook regarding classroom expectations such as tardies, restroom use, and cell phones, as those policies will be followed.
* Technology Use:
  + Please bring your Chromebook to class every day, so that you are prepared to use it for classwork. We will use Google Classroom regularly.
* Flexible Seating Use:
  + Flexible seating is provided for student use during independent reading and work time at the discretion of the teacher. Students must be seated at desks for instruction and whenever requested by the teacher.
* Daily practice of independent reading and writing is an essential part of this classroom. Students will be expected to participate fully and avoid creating distractions to the learning environment.

**Behavior:** Your classroom conduct should adhere to the policies outlined in the Student Handbook and the attached Rules & Regulations packet, as well as relevant 21st Century Skills for each unit. I e-mail home just as frequently for exceptionally well-behaved and apt students as I do for non-compliant students. Be sure you are in the former category in order to derive the utmost from this class.

**Attendance:** If an absence is excused by me, it is then the student’s responsibility to obtain classwork they missed by checking Google Classroom and seeking additional help for assignment comprehension and completion (if needed).