

English 10

12:50-1:32 p.m.

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LITERATURE

- **Edgar Allan Poe unit** (“The Tell-Tale Heart,” “The Black Cat,” “The Cask of Amontillado,” “The Pit and the Pendulum,” and “Annabel Lee”)
- ***Le Morte d’Arthur (The King Arthur Legend)***
(focus on legend, medieval romance, chivalry, episodic organization, theme, and character)
- **Nonfiction Unit**
--Hoffmann, Singer, Thomas, Lindbergh, Baldwin, Twain, King, Catton (focus on biography/autobiography; narrative, descriptive, persuasive, and expository essay form)
- **Novels** (focus on theme, style, characterization, symbolism, irony, and point of view)
The Pearl by John Steinbeck (1st semester)
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee (2nd semester)
- **Drama Unit** (focus on dramatic structure, characterization, theme, and irony)
Cyrano de Bergerac by Edmond Rostand

GRAMMAR

COMPOSITION (on-going throughout the year)

- Review sentence and paragraph structure and types
- Literary analysis (character, plot, theme, etc.)
- Creative writing
- Research paper
- Business writing (resume, cover letter, etc.)

SPELLING & VOCABULARY

- Weekly quizzes (generally on Fridays)

MAJOR PROJECTS

- Oral book report—1st semester
- Persuasive research paper—3rd quarter

**Units will not necessarily be covered in the order listed.

ENGLISH CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

*Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.
Proverbs 9:9*

- Show respect for others in the classroom. (All rules in the Student Handbook are in effect.)
- Demonstrate your faith through your words and actions and by doing your best on your work.
- Be prepared
 - homework, textbook, notebook, folder or binder, assignment notebook, and blue or black pens with you. **You are required to have a folder or a three-ring binder in which to keep your assignments and tests.**
 - Make sure your laptop or tablet is charged and available every day. You may not use it, but it should be ready to go.
 - Have your homework done and with you when you come to class. **Homework not turned in when assigned due will receive only 50% of the scored grade (e.g. 90% on time = 45% when turned in late).**
- Listen carefully to all classroom discussion and instructions. Take notes—it makes studying for unit tests and finals much easier!
- Remember that laptops and other similar devices are a privilege. You may use them to take notes, but the teacher reserves the right to check what you are doing and/or ask you to put the device away. No games, no music, no chat, no email, etc., unless required as part of the class.
- Silence your phone and place it in the basket in the front of the room.
- Keep the classroom clean. The floor is not a trash can—please pick up after yourself. **Put paper recyclables in the recycling box.**
- Keep a book cover on your textbook all year.

GRADING PROCEDURES

- Tests, Reports, Projects = 50%
- Daily Work and Quizzes = 50%

A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79% D = 60-69% F = 0-59%