



JERICHO
HIGH
SCHOOL
ENGLISH

NAME _____
PERIOD _____
DATE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Ms. FISCHER
ADVANCED
PLACEMENT
ENGLISH



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to the 2008 – 2009 school year at Jericho High School! This Advanced Placement Literature and Composition course is designed to be a college level course. This course will provide you with the intellectual challenges and workload consistent with a typical undergraduate university English literature course. We will read and study works from various genres, such as poetry, short stories, novels, and plays. Some of the literary works we will read this year include: *The Stranger*, *The Sun Also Rises*, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, *Hamlet*, *Frankenstein*, and *Oedipus Rex*. In conjunction with the literature we read, we will also master our writing skills. As a student in this class, you will be expected to read and write often and to be a positive contributing member during class sessions. Please read the following expectations carefully to help ensure your success in the upcoming year. Keep this as the first page of your binder.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

You are expected to bring the following materials to class every day:

1. Pens, highlighters, index cards, and Post-It notes, the highlighters and Post-It notes should be in the following colors if possible: pink, yellow, green, blue, and orange.
2. Three ring binder with plenty of loose-leaf paper divided into the following sections:
 - Literature
 - Writing
 - Vocabulary
 - AP Practice
3. Textbook or other reading material

CLASS BEHAVIOR / PARTICIPATION

Participation in discussion and class activities is an integral part of this course and has a significant impact on your grade. Your responsibilities in this class are:

1. To attend class regularly (at least 90% of the time)
2. To attend class on time
3. To be prepared for class, including completing all reading and homework assignments
4. To meet deadlines (late work, if excepted at all, will significantly lower your grade)
5. To ask questions when you don't understand
6. To avoid eating and drinking in class
7. To never use your cell phone, iPod, or other electronic devices in class

GRADING POLICY

Keep all graded papers and handouts in your English binder for reference. Your grade each marking period is based on the following:

1. Class participation, behavior, and preparation
2. Homework, which will be assigned each day and written on the board (if you are absent you will find the assignment on the class website)
3. Tests and quizzes (including the occasional pop quiz)
4. Essay assignments, take-home projects, and your writing portfolio
5. Class work, in-class projects, and group work

Parent signature _____

Student signature _____

Dear Parents and Students of Ms. Fischer's AP English Class,

Below is a list of novels that will be read this year in class. It is highly recommended that you purchase your own copies of the books since we will learn how to note take and highlight within them. I believe that the books you will read for this class are some of the most important books you will ever read. You need not purchase new copies of these texts; inexpensive used copies may be procured at discount bookstores or online. If you choose not to purchase all or any of the texts, I will of course provide school copies.

Texts will include:

Oedipus Rex, Sophocles

Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston

Hamlet, William Shakespeare

The Sun Also Rises, Ernest Hemingway

The Stranger, Albert Camus

Frankenstein, Mary Shelley

The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini

The Life of Pi, Yann Martel

If you have any questions about this course or the content, please do not hesitate to contact me at Jericho High School or via email at LFischer@jerichoschools.org. I look forward to an amazing school year. Here is to a new odyssey of learning!

Sincerely yours,

Lauryn Fischer, MS
AP English