

**Sophomore English – Northview High School**  
**2017-2018**  
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**Texts:**

*Prentice Hall Literature*

Replacement Cost: \$95.00

**Other Materials:** Students will need to bring materials to class every day. Your individual teacher will have a required list of materials available for you in class.

**General Information**

1. Email is the best way to contact teachers. Please allow 24 hours for a response. Teacher emails are available at [www.northviewhigh.com](http://www.northviewhigh.com).
2. Students copy homework, quizzes, tests, projects, and important deadlines into their **agendas** on a daily basis. Please refer to the student agenda to check on upcoming assignments and assessments.

**Class Rules**

1. **Be prepared.** This means that students arrive to class on time, have all necessary materials, and begin work quietly at their desk when the bell rings.
2. **Be respectful.** Students must show respect for people and property. Foul language, teasing, and interrupting of fellow classmates or the teacher will not be tolerated.
3. **Be positive.** A student's attitude and behavior should always have a positive impact on the learning environment of this classroom.

**Class Policies:** The instructor, the students and their parents will abide by the rules and procedures in the student-teacher-parent handbook.

General classroom rules include

- 1) *All* major assignments (including tests) submitted for grading must be typed or done in blue or black ink.
- 2) Students' notebooks must be kept specifically for this class and must be kept up-to-date, containing all completed work, including handouts and notes. Help sessions are available for notebook organization.
- 3) All assignments will be accepted **ONLY** at the **beginning** of the class period. Students will not be allowed to return to lockers to obtain forgotten work.
- 4) Self-discipline and good manners are expected; therefore, students are expected to be attentive, polite, and participatory.

**Absences/Make-up Work:** *It is the student's responsibility to complete all work within the prescribed time.*

*Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook.*

It is the student's responsibility to initiate make-up work, not the teacher's. Students will have the number of days absent to make up work (e.g. 2 days absent = 2 days to make up assignment).

**\*\*Assignments are also due at the beginning of the class period on the day they are due. *Homework and major assignments will be accepted late at the penalty of 10% to the final grade per day for three days. After the third day, assignments will be granted no more than 50%.***

Please note:

- Missed tests, quizzes, or presentations that were assigned before the student was absent will be due *the day* the student returns to school. Assignments that were not known will be due according to Fulton County policy - one day's grace for each day absent.
- Failure to make up the work according to these rules will result in a grade of zero.
- The instructor will **NOT** remind the student of work (including papers or tests) that needs to be made up. **It is the sole responsibility of the student to ask for make-up work and to provide late or missing work to the instructor.**

**Course Description:** In 2012 the Georgia Department of Education adopted new Common Core curriculum for grades 9-12. The Fulton County Schools English language arts curriculum implementation aligns with these standards.

For more information, visit <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Common-Core/>. Click English/Language Arts, scroll to Grades 9-12, and choose the grade level.

**Novels and Drama** will be chosen from the following Fulton county recommendations for tenth grade:

<i>Speak</i>	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	<i>A Separate Peace</i>
<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>	<i>Antigone</i>	<i>Black Hawk Down</i>
<i>Julius Caesar</i>	<i>Pygmalion</i>	<i>Look Me in the Eye</i>
<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	<i>Girl in Hyacinth Blue</i>	<i>Crazy for the Storm</i>
<i>Macbeth</i>	<i>Twelfth Night</i>	

Articles, poetry, musical lyrics, multimedia materials, additional text selections and contemporary novels may be added.

*\*The teacher reserves the right to alter the course of study and assignments as she deems necessary and beneficial to the students. If changes occur, students will be notified in advance during class. All Northview policies will be enforced within the classroom*

**HONOR CODE:**

As explained in the student handbook, cheating is defined as “the giving or receiving, in any form, information relating to a gradable experience.” Violations of the honor code will result in a zero for the assignment, plus an honor code violation form placed in the student’s disciplinary file. Read the handbook carefully to fully understand what constitutes a violation.

**Northview HS English Department Plagiarism Statement:** Plagiarism is presenting another’s words or ideas as though they are entirely one’s own.

**Plagiarism is an Honor Code Violation.**

Acts of plagiarism can include, but are not limited to:

1. Using words or ideas from a published source or the internet without proper permission;
2. Using the work of another student (e.g., copying another student’s homework, composition, or project in entirety **or** in part;
3. Using excessive editing suggestions of another student, teacher, parent, or paid author.

***Excessive editing note:** Students learn to write well through practice and independent exploration of language manipulation. This effort, like any learning experience, often requires persistence and “perspiration.” Well-meaning parents, siblings, tutors, and others who contribute their own ideas, words, phrases, and revisions to a student’s writing, not only cause that student to miss the opportunity to achieve self-reliance, but also inhibit the student from presenting his own voice. Positive ways to help a student grow in his writing process include reading the paper or writing exercise and marking areas that need clarification, punctuation, elaboration, or more precise wording, allowing the student to figure out the error and correct it independently. Oftentimes having the student read the paper aloud will greatly help in error identification. Cues such as, “What exactly do you mean?” or “This sentence seems awkward” are also very appropriate.*

Plagiarism on any project or paper at Northview High School will result in a zero for the assignment and an Honor Code violation. Unless directly stipulated by the teacher, collaboration on written work is not acceptable. Students who willingly provide other students with access to their coursework or homework are also in violation of the Honor Code.

**Turnitin.com:**

All students are required to create an account for turnitin.com. Students must submit all major written assignments to this website in order for the assignment to be accepted.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Grading Scale:**

40% Major Assessments (tests, papers, major projects, end of unit assessments, presentations)  
30% Minor Assessments (quizzes, minor projects)  
20% Final Exam  
10% Homework/ Classwork (includes participation)

**NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SCALE:**

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
F	below 70

Opportunities designed to allow students to recover from a low or failing cumulative grade will be allowed when all work required to date has been completed and the student has demonstrated a legitimate effort to meet all course requirements including attendance. Students should contact the teacher concerning recovery opportunities. Teachers are expected to establish a reasonable time period for recovery work to be completed during the semester. All recovery work must be directly related to course objectives and must be completed ten school days prior to the end of the semester.

Teachers will determine when and how students with extenuating circumstances may improve their grades.

**Video Viewing Guidelines:** Within the curriculum there poses the opportunity for teachers to incorporate different forms of technology into the classroom. One of these forms of technology is the showing of clips of related movies or related movies in their entirety. Any video rated PG or PG-13 will have prior approval of administration. Any movie rated other than PG or PG-13 will require a separate permission slip.