

Advanced Placement
English Language and Composition
Northview High School
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Please include the student's name in the subject of any email sent to this address.

Textbooks Provided: *The Bedford Reader* (Eighth Edition): Replacement Cost \$60
Additional texts will be used in class.
The replacement cost for supplemental novels is \$20.

Other required texts:

Recommended for purchase (for easy annotation)
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Thank You for Arguing by Jay Heinrichs (needed immediately)
Other required texts as assigned

Materials:

Purchase
Large 3-ring binder (section markers are recommended)
Plenty of lined paper, pens (black or blue), and pencils
Subscription to *The Week* (theweek.com) – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
5 Steps to a 5 or other test prep books – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Personal Requirements: *Faithful attendance, with rare, if any, absences
*Intelligent participation, with assignments prepared
*Commitment to the work of the course

Grading: Grades will be determined based on three weighted domains:

Summative Assessments (tests, essays, etc.)	55%
Formative Assessments (quizzes, classwork, etc.)	25%
Final	20%

Course Description: An AP course in English Language and Composition engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. Both their writing and their reading should make students aware of the interactions among a writer's purposes, audience expectations, and subjects as well as the way generic conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing (College Board).

Since this course is on the college-level, students are required to put forth many hours of study and preparation. The reading and writing and vocabulary development will be extensive and intensive. Class discussion will be in-depth and analytical. *Spark Notes* may be used for summary; they will not prepare students for class participation or tests. Formal and informal writing assignments will be numerous. Students will spend a great deal of time revising their own papers.

Students are required by the State of Georgia to pass the American Literature End-of-Course-Test (EOCT) in order to graduate. In addition to our AP course objectives, we will have study American Literature movements and themes from the exploration of North America to the present in preparation for the EOCT in May.

Proper Form: Outside papers, including homework assignments, are to be typed. All work, written or typed, must be double spaced. Loose-leaf paper must be wide-ruled and not torn from a spiral notebook.

Assignments: LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT EARN A SCORE HIGHER THAN 50%. Students will be required to do thorough research and all short-term and long-term homework assignments, keep a commonplace book (formal record of arguments), write and share written pieces such as essays, journal entries and imitation pieces, keep a complete allusion notebook section, keep track of practice test and essay scores, and fully participate in classroom seminars, presentations, and discussions. Moreover, we will write approximately one in-class essay every other week. I cannot stress enough the importance of practicing writing on your own. Writing is a skill that must be practiced for

improvement to be realized. Doing the assignments for this class alone will not be sufficient to bring you to the level required for comfortable writing skills required for college and university level work.

Examinations: The date and the matter for each major examination will be announced in advance. Absence from any previously announced test, except for an excused absence, will result in a failing grade. Make-up tests may be either written or oral; they are taken outside the regular class period. It is the student's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements for the make-up. The test must be made up within two days of the absence.

Student Advisement: A student experiencing a problem should make an appointment or email to plan a good time to meet.

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 and the statement below carefully to fully understand what constitutes a violation.

All papers written outside of the classroom must be submitted to Turnitin.com.

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, no opportunity for recovery, disciplinary action, 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.