

**Course Name:** American Literature    **Level:** S    **Points:** 2.5

**Texts/Instructional Materials:**

*Adventures In American Literature* –Anthology

*The Catcher In the Rye* –Salinger

*Black Boy* --Wright

**Syllabus:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter:**

- I. Native American Literature –Tewa Indians, Delaware Indians
  - A. Close reading
  - B. Major Assessment: Development of Gesture Language
- II. The Colonial Period – Edwards, Smith, Williams, Bradstreet, Miller’s *The Crucible*
  - A. Close reading
  - B. Major Assessments: Objective Test, Analytical Essay-The Crucible- Modern Day Witch Hunts
- III. The Revolutionary Period – Franklin, Paine, Henry, Adams
  - A. Close reading
  - B. Major Assessments: Creative Writing- Aphorisms

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:**

- IV. The Romantic Period – Irving, Poe, Bryant, Hawthorne
  - A. Close reading
  - B. Objective Quizzes
  - C. Major Assessments: Analytical Essay-Poe’s Narrators, Descriptive Essay- Nature
- V. The Transcendentalists – Emerson, Thoreau
  - A. Close Reading
  - B. Short Essay Test-Values and Worth of Nature
- VI. Civil War and Realism –Twain, Bierce
  - A. Close Reading
  - B. Major Assessment: Comparison/Contrast Essay- 2 Bierce stories
- VII. Twentieth Century-Salinger or Wright
  - A. Close Reading
  - B. Major Assessment- Alienation
- VIII. Final Exam (25% of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grade)
  - A. Objective Questions
  - B. Identifications
  - C. Open-Ended Essay
  - D. Literary Terms- Definitions

**\*Assessment Tools:**

Teacher observations  
Notebooks  
Open ended questions  
Co-operative learning projects  
Multimedia presentations  
Take home tests/writing assignments  
Journal/Diaries  
Objective Tests/Quizzes  
Exams  
Essays  
FCA'S for long essays  
Attendance  
Class Participation  
Mid Year Exam  
Final Exam  
Homework

\*See IEP or 504 plan for modification where applicable.

**Grading Policy:**

Quizzes (counted once) , Tests (counted twice), and Notebook (counted once) will be averaged to determine grade. Homework assignments vary from night to night and often consist of reading the next day's material. Plagiarism will result in a grade of "0" for the tainted assignment.