

Anchor Works

A Midsummer Night's Dream and *Much Ado about Nothing* by William Shakespeare
Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Multimedia

The Grapes of Wrath. Dir. John Ford. Perf. Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine, Charley Grapewin. Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2005. DVD.

Much ado about nothing. Dir. Kenneth Branagh. Perf. Emma Thompson, Kenneth Branagh, Denzel Washington, Keanu Reeves. MGM Home Entertainment, 1993. DVD.

William Shakespeare's A Midsummer night's dream. Dir. Michael Hoffman. Perf. Rupert Everett, Calista Flockhart, Kevin Kline, Michelle Pfeiffer, Stanley Tucci. Fox Searchlight Pictures ;, 1999. DVD.

Supplies: flash drive, pens, and 3x5 notecards. Sticky notes and highlighters are recommended.

Essays

Students will write two essays, including at least one draft and the final for each. The final draft should be 5 paragraphs in length, typed, double-spaced, should use standard margins (in other words, should follow MLA format). The essays will show understanding of the importance of audience and purpose.

The essays will be one each of two types: comparison and persuasive. Most essays incorporate more than one type of writing—what should distinguish each of these essay types is the basic organization and development of ideas.

Grading Policy:

Grammar Exercises 25%
Reading Quizzes 25%
Essays 25%
Vocabulary 25%

Course Calendar

Week One: 7/5 Membean: Calibration, 40 Learned Words and Quiz 1 Grammar Bytes: Fragments	Unit 3 : Nothing New Under the Sun Midsummer Night's Dream Much Ado about Nothing Comparison Essay Rough Draft Due 7/6 Final Draft Due 7/13
Week Two: 7/11 Membean: 40 Learned Words and Quiz 2 Grammar Bytes: Pronoun Agreement	
Week Three: 7/18 Membean: 40 Learned Words and Quiz 3 Grammar Bytes: Pronoun Reference	Unit 4 : Not a Single Story Grapes of Wrath Narrative Essay Rough Draft due 7/20 Final Draft Due 7/27
Week Four: 7/25 Membean: 40 Learned Words and Quiz 4 Grammar Bytes: Post-test	

Course Expectations

Obligation: To be a successful, contributing member of this class, you are expected to complete scheduled readings within the time allotted. You are also expected to meet deadlines for all assignments and to turn in work reflective of advanced thought and effort. In turn, I will provide you with background information for each unit, clear instructions for each assignment, a fair assessment of your work, and guidance for improvement.

Skills:

1. Reading- Literature classes require the willingness and desire to read while you are alert and able to engage in the material. You must be able to create meaning through identifying and analyzing rhetorical strategies: word choice, themes, images, allusions, symbolism, form, point-of-view, tone, style, and poetic devices.
2. Writing- Final essays should be well-written and follow the guidelines and examples presented in class. They should be typed, doubled-spaced, and have one inch margins. Use a readable font in size 12. Papers requiring documentation should follow MLA guidelines. All paper headings should follow MLA format: Your name, my name, class name, and date typed and double spaced in the upper left corner.

Other Important Information

1. Students and parents need to check Edmodo for assignments and grades. Students should check daily for assignment and communication.
2. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please discuss them with me directly.
3. Be responsible. Example: If your computer quits working or you have other issues completing an assignment then email me. The library in your community should allow you to contact me in a timely manner.

Vocabulary:

Vocabulary instruction will be provided through a web-based program called Membean. Students will need to create an account with this class code: _____ at membean.com/enroll. This course takes students through a calibration process and then allows them to focus only on words not already in their vocabulary. The word base comes from the SAT vocabulary bank.

Grammar:

Grammar instruction will be provided through a Blackboard course called "Grammar Bytes: Grammar Instruction with Attitude!" They will need to enroll as a student on the following website: TBD

I will check the grades for assigned quizzes and tests on Wednesdays.

Assignment	Wednesday Due Date
Fragments: Snail, Tortoise, Hare, Cheetah	July 6 th
Pronoun Agreement: Snail, Tortoise, Hare, Cheetah	July 13 th
Pronoun Reference: Snail, Tortoise, Hare, Cheetah	July 20 th
Post-test	July 27 th

Academic Dishonesty:

All work submitted by a student must represent his/her own ideas, concepts, and current understanding. All material found during research must be correctly documented to avoid plagiarism. Cheating or plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and violations may result in disciplinary action ranging from failure of the assignment to failure of the course. Repeated acts of academic dishonesty may have more severe institutional ramifications.