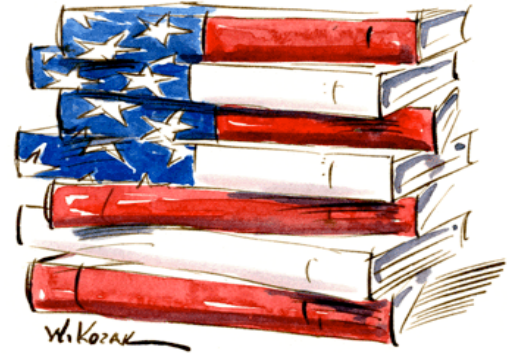


# American Literature

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## Classroom Procedures:

- ❑ If I'm talking, you are not.
- ❑ Respect is mandatory in this classroom. You are expected to respect yourselves, your peers, and myself. Keep your hands, feet, and mouths to yourself.
- ❑ You are responsible for coming to class prepared to learn. This includes having homework ready to hand in and all materials with you.
- ❑ You are responsible for displaying "on-task" behavior at all times. There will, on occasion, be class time given to complete homework if you're using the time wisely.
- ❑ You are responsible for being **in your seat** when the bell rings. If you are not in your seat, you are tardy and will be sent to the office for a pass.

## Absences:

- ❑ If you are absent, you are responsible for finding out what you missed.
- ❑ Assignments can be obtained through the Assignment Schedule, and make-up worksheets will be located in the folders at the front of the room.
- ❑ You are responsible for completing all missed work and turning it in the day after you return to class. If you do not, you will receive a "0" in the gradebook.

## Passes:

- ❑ You will be allowed three passes to leave my room each quarter, so use them wisely. After you have used all three of your passes, you will not be allowed to leave the room to use the restroom or to go to your locker. Library passes are in the front of the room and are not counted as part of your pass total.

## Course Description:

- ❑ This class will present American Literature through the use of a workbook and novels varying from *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* to *Last of the Mohicans* and *The Bean Trees*. Along with reading assignments from novels and our anthology, you will be expected to complete the following: grammar/language work, weekly Individual Reading, tests and daily homework, two major group projects and one major individual project per semester.

## Grading:

- ❑ My grading policy is posted in the classroom. Your final grade will be based on total points accumulated. Along with homework and other assignments, you will be graded weekly for "Participation/Conduct." (10 points per week adds up!)
- ❑ Points for "Participation/Conduct" will be taken off as follows:
  1. Tardy=2 points
  2. Sent out of classroom=10 points
  3. Inattentive/Sleeping=4 points
  4. Absence=4 points
  5. Disruptive Behavior=2-10 points