



English Composition Syllabus

Course Description:

At the beginning of the semester, students consider the importance of word play exercises in improving their facility with language while building a compelling and creative writing style. Focusing on word nuances and precision, later lessons guide students to write in a variety of short modes—including poetry, song lyrics, prose poetry, short stories, and creative nonfiction. There are several opportunities for peer review in this semester, during which students learn best practices for participating in writing workshops, and then revise their work using feedback from their peers. The second semester focuses on longer works of fiction: short stories, plays, and novels. Students learn basic techniques of plot and character development along with strategies for creating suspense and building a theme, and they have opportunities to write in several different genres. Lessons cover a few special topics as well, including graphic novels, animation, comedy, and improvisation. Students apply what they have learned about writing workshops and revising to the longer pieces of writing they create for this semester.

Additional Materials Required:

- None

Student-Teacher Conferences:

Office Hours. Students can schedule up to three (3) Student-Teacher Conference over the duration of the course. These meetings are optional, and attendance will not affect your grade.

To schedule an office hour with your teacher to please visit the Student Resources page on waonline.org.

<p>Washington Academy Grading Scale:</p> <p>A = 100 - 93</p> <p>B = 92 - 85</p> <p>C = 84 - 76</p> <p>D = 75 - 70</p> <p>F = 69 or less</p>
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Coursework Overview

- ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments are completed by the student through fillable PDFs which they can fill-out, save to computer, then upload to in the Learning Management System. Assignments are typically found throughout the course(s) and can be opened by clicking the “**Activity**” button when prompted to do so. Assignments will be graded by your teacher.

- ASSESSMENTS



Assessments, or Quizzes, are predominately computer graded and will test your knowledge of the content of each Section upon completion.

- EXAMS



At the end of each Unit, Semester and the Course, you will need to complete an Exam.

- PARTICIPATION



Participation grade is determined upon the completion of the “End of Course Survey.” Participation in Discussion boards or Office hours does NOT affect your grade.