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# English 11 – 2019-20

## Lake Mills High School

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### Course Description:

English 11 is a required course emphasizing American Literature through the study of short stories, poetry, essays, plays and novels. Compositions are written as a means to review grammar and usage and develop writing & analysis skills. One major research paper is written on a topic of the student's choice. Students must repeat any semester for which they earn an "F". Units of study include (subject to change):

### Semester 1

The Junior Term Paper  
Early American Literature (Bradstreet, Irving)  
Romanticism (Hawthorne, Irving, Melville, Poe)  
Transcendentalism (Emerson, Thoreau, Dickinson)

### Semester 2

Realism (Crane, London, Twain)  
Modernism (Hemingway, Miller, Steinbeck)  
Harlem Renaissance (Hurstun, Hughes)  
Contemporary (Capote, Cisneros, O'Brien)

### How to Succeed

- I. The Numbers
  - A. You can find due date reminders and links to assignments and other resources on Google Classroom. Many assignments are fully downloadable.
  - B. Attendance is important. If absent:
    - 1. *You* are responsible for follow-up. *Your teacher will not come to you.* Use the online resources available to you (see A above) and see your teacher during Advisory.
    - 2. All tests and quizzes will be available in the LMC for makeup during study hall or Advisory. Class time will *not* be given.
  - C. You will take pride in your work by working to the best of your ability. Homework and other formative assessments make up 10% of your grade, while summative assessments like essays and projects make up 90%. Semester grades include both quarters (45% each) and the semester exam (10%). Grading Scale will be the standard LMHS scale.
    - 1. Be sure to check Skyward for grades and missing work. See me with any questions or concerns.
    - 2. Late work will be penalized. Late weekly vocabulary assignments will not be accepted.
    - 3. Cheating or plagiarism will be dealt with according to the Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook.
- II. The Tools
  - A. You will be on time and prepared for class every day. The following materials should be brought to class every day:
    - 1. Novels and textbooks (distributed by instructor).
    - 2. Book of your choice for silent reading time (& quarterly independent book review).
    - 3. Class materials organized in a three-ring binder; paper; any assignment due that day; writing utensils (no eyeball-searing colors, please); your planner/homework system.
  - B. **KEEP ALL COURSE MATERIALS!!** You are expected to pass a cumulative semester exam each semester (you'll need homework, notes, quizzes & tests to study).
  - C. Technology
    - 1. Online resources will be used frequently; if you don't have Internet access at home, be sure to fully utilize school access before and after school, during study hall, Advisory and lunch. The public library has great hours, too!

It is the mission of the Lake Mills Area School District Reading/Language Arts Department to develop students who are able to effectively apply strategies when reading and writing for a variety of audiences and purposes.

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2. All due dates will be posted in Google Classroom, although most assignments will **not** be submitted there. All essays will be submitted to Turnitin.com. Directions can be found on Ms. Morris's website.
3. Although the school provides access to computers and the Internet, you may use your own mobile devices during class time with teacher permission for class-related work only. This privilege doesn't extend beyond the English classroom and your teacher reserves the right to ban devices. The District accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged devices.
4. Please see the student handbook for more details.

III. The Attitude

A. Attentive Listening

1. When someone else is talking, you're not.
2. Take notes so you can review and reinforce information later.

B. Appreciations – No Put Downs

C. Right to participate/pass

1. Participation is often for a grade.
2. Use class time wisely!

D. Mutual Respect

1. Follow Lake Mills High School rules as well as my classroom rules.
2. Discuss any concerns you have about your learning with me in a timely manner – before or after school or during Advisory (or other times by appointment). You can also contact me via email.
3. If you are asked to leave the room for inappropriate behavior, you will make up the wasted time before or after school.
4. Please stay in class as much as possible – limit unnecessary trips to the restroom or your locker by managing your passing time wisely (or I will limit them for you!).
5. This is your learning environment – help keep it clean and organized, and show respect to the furniture and supplies provided to you.

**Parents/Guardians:** To support your student's success, you can check their grades regularly on Skyward Family Access, keep up with their assignments using the online resources on this handout, and contact Ms. Morris with any questions or concerns.

**Let's Have A Fantastic Year!**

We have read and understood all policies of English 11. We accept that credit may not be earned if these policies are not followed. Signing this handout is a homework assignment worth 10 points.

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Student's name (printed)

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Student's signature

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Parent/Guardian's name (printed)

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Date