

Tenth Grade Honors Language Arts

Northview High School

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Texts

Supplementary novels (Replacement cost: \$20.00)

A Note on Supplementary Readings

Novels and plays not in the textbook will be issued from school sets. Students are responsible for bringing these to class when assigned and for keeping them in good condition just as they would a textbook. Some students may wish to purchase a book so that they may highlight or text notes in the text itself. This is a suggestion, but not a requirement.

We will be discussing these books and analyzing critical elements together as part of the learning process; therefore, students should NOT use or bring to class Cliff's Notes, printouts of SparkNotes, or any other comparable interpretation/summary. **We encourage students to think for themselves!**

Other Materials

Your teacher will inform you of any specific required materials.

Materials may include a three-ring binder, paper, pens (blue or black for class work, homework, and essays), dry-erase markers, highlighters, post-it notes, and other materials required by your instructor.

Course Description

The Georgia Performance Standards can be found at www.georgiastandards.org and on the class website.

Tenth Grade Literature and Composition will continue to build on the reading and language curriculum established in ninth grade.

Throughout this year-long course, students will have opportunities to develop and expand their knowledge of literature and language by demonstrating their mastery level of new learning through performance tasks and assessments.

Missed Assignments/Make Up Work

Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook

These rules will be strictly enforced.

- 1) The Language Arts department policy regarding late work is as follows: No late homework will be accepted unless a student has an excused absence. To receive full credit for a major assessment, the work must be turned in on the due date. **In honors classes, 15% of the earned grade will be deducted per day for 3 days; after the third day, 50% of the earned grade will be deducted.**
- 2) Missed assignments due to *unexcused absences* (other than homework) will be accepted with a penalty of fifteen points per day late. *The maximum score attainable for work made up due to an unexcused absence is 85%.* Missed tests, quizzes, or presentations that were assigned before the student was absent will be due *the day* the student returns to school. Assignments that were not known will be due according to Fulton County policy - one day's grace for each day absent. Students who fail to make up the work according to these rules or according to an arranged plan with the teacher will be unable to receive credit.
- 3) Work missed due to an *excused absence* will have the same number of days absent to make up the work. No penalties will be imposed. As stated above, missed tests, quizzes, or presentations that were assigned before the student was absent will be due *the day* the student returns to school. Assignments that were not known will be due according to Fulton County policy - one day's grace for each day absent. Students who fail to make up the work according to these rules or according to an arranged plan with the teacher will be unable to receive credit.
- 4) The instructor will NOT remind the student of work (including papers or tests) that needs to be made up. To insure maximum continuity of instruction, students are encouraged to keep the phone numbers of at least two other students in the class so that information regarding class activities can be gained the night before returning to class. (This is not a requirement, only a suggestion.) **It is the sole responsibility of the student to ask for make-up work and to provide late or missing work to the instructor. Please discuss these issues with the teacher at the end of the class period.**

Tardy to Class Students are expected to be **in their seats and prepared for class instruction when the bell rings!** *Students who are not in their seats when the bell rings will be counted as tardy. Please refer to the Northview student handbook/agenda for consequences for tardiness.*

Grading Policy:

Major Assessments	50%
Minor Assessments	30%
Final Exam (comprehensive)	20%

Northview Recovery Procedure

1. Recovery is for students who, despite a conscientious effort and communication with their teachers, have failed to demonstrate satisfactory understanding of course standards. It is not for the student who has been failing for many weeks and then wishes to recover during the final days of the course. Opportunities for students to recover from a 74 or below *cumulative* average will be provided when all work required to date has been completed and the student has demonstrated a legitimate effort to meet all course requirements. *Students who have not attempted to complete all course requirements are not eligible for recovery.*

2. Students may initiate recovery on major assessments starting with the second major assessment of the semester as long as they have made a legitimate effort to meet all course requirements including attendance. Unexcused absences may prevent this opportunity.

3. So that students stay focused on the content at hand and don't become overwhelmed and fall too far behind, they must initiate recovery on a major assessment within five school days of being informed of the grade on that assessment. Recovery work must be completed within ten school days prior to the end of the semester. The nature and type of recovery assignment is given at the discretion of the teacher.

Grading guidelines for recovery assignments will vary by department. It is the responsibility of the student to fully understand the grading guidelines/highest possible score for completed recovery work.

Northview HS English Department Plagiarism Statement

Plagiarism is presenting another's words or ideas as though they are entirely one's own.

Honor Code As explained in the student handbook, cheating is defined as "the giving or receiving, in any form, information relating to a gradable experience." Violations of the honor code will result in a zero for the assignment, plus an honor code violation form placed in the student's disciplinary file. Read the handbook carefully to fully understand what constitutes a violation.

turnitin.com Upon teacher request, students may be required to submit essays, research papers, or other written work to turnitin.com. The website checks the submission for plagiarism, provides a receipt for the student to give to the teacher, and reports to the teacher that the student's work was not copied from any source. Students will be trained on the use of turnitin.com in the first week of school. Students who do not have email access at home may use the computers in the media center. **Major assignments MUST be submitted to turnitin.com in order to be accepted by the instructor.**

Plagiarism is an Honor Code Violation.

Acts of plagiarism can include, but are not limited to:

1. using words or ideas from a published source or the internet without proper permission;
2. using the work of another student (e.g., copying another student's homework, composition, or project in entirety **or** in part;
3. using excessive editing suggestions of another student, teacher, parent, or paid author.
4. When citing work and acknowledging the work of other writers, students are expected to know both MLA and APA formatting.

Excessive editing note: *Students learn to write well through practice and independent exploration of language manipulation. This effort, like any learning experience, often requires persistence and "perspiration." Well-meaning parents, siblings, tutors, and others who contribute their own ideas, words, phrases, and revisions to a student's writing not only cause that student to miss the opportunity to achieve self-reliance but also inhibit the student from presenting his own voice. Positive ways to help a student grow in his writing process include reading the paper or writing exercise and marking areas that need clarification, punctuation, elaboration, or more precise wording, allowing the student to figure out the error and correct it independently. Oftentimes having the student read the paper aloud will greatly help in error identification. Cues such as, "What exactly do you mean?" or "This sentence seems awkward" are also very appropriate.*

Plagiarism on any project or paper at Northview High School will result in a zero for the assignment and an Honor Code Violation. Unless directly stipulated by the teacher, collaboration on written work, (including homework) is not acceptable. Students who willingly provide other students with access to their coursework or homework are also in violation of the Honor Code.

Help Sessions Students are always encouraged to come for additional help. In order to make an appointment for a help session, see your teacher at least 24 hours ahead of time (or communicate by email).

Video Viewing Guidelines Within the curriculum there poses the opportunity for teachers to incorporate different forms of technology into the classroom. One of these forms of technology is the showing of clips of related movies or related movies in their entirety. Any video rated PG or PG-13 will have prior approval of administration. If you have any concerns about video viewing, please indicate the concern on the bottom of this form.

Class Policies The instructor, the students, and their parents will abide by the rules and procedures in the student-teacher-parent handbook. General classroom rules include:

- 1) *All* work submitted for grading must be done in blue or black ink.
- 2) All materials (pen, pencil, highlighter, paper, and textbooks) must be brought to class daily. **Students will not be allowed to return to their lockers for such items. The teacher cannot be responsible for work not completed due to student's failure to bring materials.**
- 3) **Students will be expected to take notes during class.** Information delivered via lecture, discussion, or group activities will be included on quizzes and tests. The student is responsible for taking these notes and for obtaining notes missed due to absences.
- 4) All assignments will be accepted ONLY at the beginning of the class period. Students will not be allowed to return to lockers to obtain forgotten work.
- 5) It should go without saying that students are expected to compose themselves as young ladies and gentlemen.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

*Please email your child's instructor if you have comments or concerns. **It is the student's responsibility to inform you of his or her grades.** Individual student progress can also be tracked through Home Access Center. Interest and encouragement at home in student activity and progress is always beneficial. Please refer to the NORTHVIEW STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK for important information regarding procedures, school policies, and reporting dates.*