

College Prep Syllabus

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Classroom: 515

Course Overview

Welcome to College Prep English, a course designed to prepare you for the rigors of college-level writing and literature analysis. This course emphasizes advanced reading, writing, and critical thinking skills, focusing on developing a sophisticated understanding of diverse texts and mastering complex writing techniques. By the end of the course, you should be well-prepared for academic challenges in higher education.

Course Objectives

- **Critical Reading:** Develop advanced analytical skills to interpret and critique various genres of literature.
- **Sophisticated Writing:** Enhance your writing abilities through practice in crafting essays, research papers, and creative writing.
- **Effective Communication:** Improve oral and written communication skills, including argumentation and presentation.
- **Research Skills:** Gain proficiency in researching, citing sources, and integrating evidence into your writing.
- **Analytical Thinking:** Cultivate the ability to synthesize information, evaluate perspectives, and construct well-reasoned arguments.

Textbooks and Materials

- **Primary Texts:**
 - This is How You Lose Her- Junot Diaz
- **Supplementary Materials:**
 - Various short stories, essays, and poems (provided in class or online)
 - Writing and grammar handbooks (e.g., *The Elements of Style* by Strunk and White)
- **Materials Needed:**
 - Laptop/charger
 - Pen or Pencil

Course Requirements

- **Participation:** Active engagement in class discussions and activities.
- **Homework:** Whatever we do not finish in class will need to be completed at home.
- **Projects:** Group and individual projects related to course texts.
- **Short stories:** Students will practice reading and writing strategies through short stories.
- **Exams/Quizzes:** Regular quizzes to assess comprehension and analytical skills.
- **Final Exam:** Cumulative assessment covering all course material.

Class Policies

- **Attendance:** Regular attendance is crucial for success. Excessive absences may impact your grade.
- **Late Work:** Assignments are expected to be submitted on time. Late work will incur a penalty unless prior arrangements are made.
- **Academic Integrity:** All work must be your own. Plagiarism or cheating will result in disciplinary action.
- **Classroom Etiquette:** Respectful behavior is expected at all times. Disruptions or inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to a productive and engaging semester with all of you!

Best regards,

Ms. Waller