



CAP 9 STUDENTS, 2019-2020

CAP 9 English Syllabus

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Course Description

This course is designed to integrate American literature with American history. You will write compositions and will use prescribed writing workshop procedures, which include prewriting activities, initial drafts, edits, revisions, and final drafts.

Objectives

We will be reading through the writer's lens, learning from professional authors how to wield the power of well-chosen words and artfully crafted sentences. Throughout this course, you will be called upon to write responses to what you've read, but you'll also be challenged to express your own ideas about issues and topics that matter to YOU!

Absences

If absent, you should bring a note within three days of the absence. The note must include:

- Name of student
- ID Number
- Days Absent
- Reason for Absence
- Parent Signature
- Parent Phone Number

Contact Information

The best way to get in contact with me is through email at dana_simel@mcpsmd.org. I will be teaching during the day, but will check my email in the morning, midday, and late afternoon.



Courtesy of S. Fillman

Academic Support

Students needing academic support, or just wanted to say "hi," should go to room 162 during 5th period lunch on Tuesdays and

Texts may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Walden and Civil Disobedience

Maggie: A Girl of the Streets

Romeo and Juliet

Various Works of Poetry

Choice of Modern Short Stories by:

- Ernest Hemingway
- Langston Hughes
- Sherwood Anderson
- Isaac Bashevis Singer
- Zora Neale Hurston
- F.S. Fitzgerald

Unbroken

Choice of:

- *The Joy Luck Club*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- *The Chosen*
- *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*

Coming of Age in Mississippi

Keeping you Safe during COVID

Masks work! Please do not remove your mask for any reason during class. If thirsty, you may sip from a straw put under their mask. If you are feeling "wiggly" from the masks, you may go into the hallway to remove for 30 seconds. If someone else is in the hallway, wait until that person has passed before unmasking.

No note is needed if the student is absent for an approved MBHS event, such as an athletic event.

Keeping You Safe During COVID (Continued)

Classroom desks have been placed so that no student is sitting closer than three feet from another student. You are asked to make sure that the desks are in the right place before exiting the classroom.

Hand sanitizer and antibiotic wipes have been placed in the front of the class. Please use them.

You are asked to throw perishables into the trash cans in the hallways instead of placing them in the trash cans in the classrooms. You are also asked to use the recyclable containers in the hallway rather than throwing them away in the classroom.

Restrooms at Blair are CROWDED during class change, especially during lunch. For this reason, I'd prefer that you come to class for a few minutes, put your books on your desk and wait until the restrooms are empty. I will have a bathroom pass next to the door; please use it when you need to. Please wipe it with a disinfectant upon returning to class. You are also asked to exit and enter the classroom with no disruptions.

You are mine/ours from now until you graduate from CAP. We are a family; this means that we care for each other. If I see any of you, my babies, out in the hallway during lunch or at other times, doing something that is not safe, I will remind you.

Thursdays, and other days by appointment. You should eat lunch before you attend academic support.

Class Rules

- Be Kind to others are to yourself
- Respect others and Self
- No Bullying. Bullying includes overt bullying and covert bullying, which is excluding others, rolling eyes when someone speaks and other acts that make your peers feel bad.
- Act toward others with empathy.

Excused Absences

Absences for athletic participation are excused. Please look on *Classroom* for missed assignments and visit Academic Support.

Absences if Quarantining

If you are asymptomatic, please visit *Classroom* for all assignments. Check in during 2nd period (except Fridays) via Zoom, from 9:15 – 10:00 am. That Zoom link can be found [here](#).

If you have symptoms, the concentration should be on getting well and not worrying. I will make allowances and will work with the student to ensure that his/her/their academics do not suffer.

Grading

Grading Categories

- All Tasks/Assessments (90%)
- Practice/Preparation (10%)

Fifty % Rule and Zeros per MCPS

"Teachers may not assign a grade lower than 50% for a task/assessment. If a student does not work on the task/assessment or if a teacher determines that the student did not attempt to meet the basic requirements of the task/assessment, or if the student engaged in academic dishonesty, the teacher may assign a final grade of zero."

Due Dates and Deadlines per MCPS

Work turned in late may be lowered no more than one letter grade or 10% of the grade.