



## Course Syllabus: American Literature & Composition

### Course Description

A college prep class which surveys American works and authors and will provide writing experiences related to the interpretation of literature. Grammar, vocabulary development, listening, speaking and research will also be included.

This course has three sections. American Lit & Composition A is the first half of the course and includes Modules 0 – 5. American Lit & Composition B is the second half of the course and includes Modules 6 – 10. American Lit & Composition Y is the entire course and includes Modules 0 – 10.

Cobb Virtual Academy's American Literature & Composition course utilizes a thematic approach. This course includes the following, theme-based, modules:

Module 0 – Introductory Assignments and Parallel Reading

Module 1 – The Meaning of Freedom

Module 2 – Religion, Faith, Death

Module 3 – The Individual vs Authority

Module 4 – Liberty and Dissent

Module 5 – Challenge and Success

Module 6 – Innocence to Experience

Module 7 – The American Dream

Module 8 – The Hero

Module 9 – Community, Environment, Responsibility

Module 10 – Choices and Possibilities

### Textbook/Parallel Readings

A Students Parallel Reading:

- *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

B Students Choose 1 of the following Parallel Readings:

- *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Wall
- *Into the Wild* by John Krakauer
- *Slaughterhouse 5* by Kurt Vonnegut

Parallel Reading - Y Students Read *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller **AND** Choose 1 of the following:

- *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Wall
- *Into the Wild* by John Krakauer
- *Slaughterhouse 5* by Kurt Vonnegut

There is no required textbook for this course. All course content is digital and available in the course modules.

## **Course Participation Policy**

Students should follow the Course Schedule (located in Course Information area of course) and all course work must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on the due date.

After the due date has passed, instructors will enter zeros in the Grade Center for work not submitted by the deadline. During student breaks and towards the end of the semester, students may have the opportunity to improve their course grade by completing and submitting work with grades of zero from earlier in the semester. Zeros will remain in the Grade Center until course work is submitted and evaluated by the instructor. The CVA term ends prior to the end of the traditional school semester.

The final date work will be accepted each term is posted on the CVA website ([cobbvirtualacademy.org](http://cobbvirtualacademy.org)).

## **Grading**

Grades for the course are calculated based on category percentages as follows:

Assignments	= 35%
Discussion Boards	= 15%
Quizzes	= 10%
Projects/Tests	= 20%
Final Exam/EOC	= 20%

## **Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is the cornerstone of learning at CVA and we take the integrity and authenticity of student work very seriously. When academic integrity is maintained, students will make decisions based on values that will prepare them to be productive, meaningful, and ethical citizens.

Students are required to abide by the CVA Academic Integrity Policy. Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. The CVA Academic Integrity Policy outlines the consequences if students fail to maintain academic integrity in their course. For additional information, the CVA Academic Integrity Policy is posted on the CVA website.

## **Additional General Information**

- Students must complete the mandatory online CVA Student Orientation each term before any course work will be graded by the instructor. Only one Student Orientation is completed each term.
- All course work must be submitted through Blackboard in the format requested. Students should have access to Microsoft Office and submit assignments in that format. All CCSD students have access to the Office 365 Suite. Assignments submitted through email will not be accepted.
- The 'Grade before Final Exam/EOC' column in the student Grade Center shows the current grade for the course and is automatically calculated.
- Students in the A section of the course must take an online final exam during the times indicated on the CVA website.

- Students in the B or Y sections of the course will take the state-mandated End-of-Course (EOC) test. The EOC must be given in a CCSD facility and proctored by CCSD staff during testing periods established by the state. EOC testing date and time information is posted on the CVA website.