

Cobb Virtual Academy

Class Syllabus: American Literature and Composition

Class 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 class has three sections: American Literature & Composition A is the first half of the class and includes Modules 0 – 5. American Literature & Composition B is the second half of the class and includes Modules 0, 6 – 10. American Literature & Composition Y is the entire class and includes Modules 0 – 10.

Cobb Virtual Academy's American Literature & Composition class utilizes a largely chronological approach. This class includes the following, chronologically paced, modules:

- Module 0 – Welcome to Here
- Module 1 – 1200 to 1741
- Module 2 – 1765 to 1780
- Module 3 – 1787 to 1845
- Module 4 – 1845 to 1860
- Module 5 – RE: Searching to Build AND Share Knowledge
- Module 6 – 1869 to 1910
- Module 7 – 1914 to 1922
- Module 8 – 1938 to 1989
- Module 9 – 2006 to Present Day
- Module 10 – Present Day

Textbook/Parallel Readings

A Students Parallel Reading:

- There is no parallel reading for A Students by Patricia McCormick

B AND Y Students will choose 1 of the following graphic novels:

- *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang
- *Redbone: The True Story of a Native American Rock Band* by Christian Staebler
- *Speak: The Graphic Novel Hardcover* by Laurie Halse Anderson (Note: Speak is Melinda's first-person journey through depression and self-loathing after she was raped at a party the summer before Grade 9.)
- *I Was Their American Dream: A Graphic Memoir* by Malaka Gharib
- *The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir* by Thi Bui
- *The Magic Fish: (A Graphic Novel)* by Trung Le Nguyen
- *March: Book One* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

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

Class Participation Policy

Students should follow the Class Schedule (located in the 'Class Information' section of the class) and all classwork must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on the scheduled due date.

After the due date has passed, instructors will enter zeros in the Grade Center for work not submitted by the scheduled due date. During student breaks and towards the end of each term, students may have the opportunity to improve their class grade by completing and submitting work with grades of zero from earlier in the term. Zeros will remain in the Grade Center until classwork 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)

Grading

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

Assignments = 80%
Final Exam = 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 class. 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 classwork will be graded by the instructor. Only one Student Orientation is completed each term.
- Students should have access to Office 365 and submit classwork in the format requested. 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 class and is automatically calculated.
- Students in the A section of the class must take an online final exam during the times indicated on the CVA website.
- Students in the B or Y sections of the class 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.