

Book List for Composition and Literature

1. *Prentice Hall Literature Gold* ISBN: 0136985564
2. *To Kill a Mockingbird* (any edition is fine). Please read the novel over summer break and keep a journal of characters and character traits. We will also reread the book together as a class studying symbols, themes, plot, etc.
3. *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* ISBN 978-1118785560
4. Composition and Literature Resource Packet by Rebecca Reed. I will let parents know the cost in August; it will simply consist of the copying fee. I will distribute the packet on the first day of class.

Many of these books can be found on abebooks.com or amazon.com for under \$15. Please purchase the ISBN listed so that all students will be on the same page, literally, for class discussions and handouts.

Course Policies

- **Submitting Work: Students must hand in typed drafts and essays. Access to a computer and the internet is important.** If you do not have Microsoft Word, you can download a free version of Open Office at openoffice.org. **I will not accept hand written essays for a grade.**
 - **Sick Policy:** If you are experiencing **flu-like symptoms or if you have a cold, please do not come to class.** Notify me via email that you are sick. **If you are absent the day a paper is due, please email me a copy of your essay: rebeccaireed8@gmail.com**
 - **Handing in Assignments or Submitting Late Work:** You are expected to turn in papers on the specified due date. If you are unable to meet this requirement, please speak with me in advance of the due date to discuss other arrangements. If work is handed in late, I would like to see a documented excuse from the parent/guardian. Late or missed tests, journals, and quizzes will be penalized and may not be made up.
- **Workshop/ Peer Review:** We will workshop all essays in class before they are handed in for a final grade. **Rough drafts must be typed, printed out, and meet the requirements outlined for each assignment.** If a student comes to class unprepared or without a draft, he or she will not earn credit. But more importantly, he or she will not receive helpful feedback, and his or her time in class will be spent having nothing productive to work on concerning the essay. Always bring a draft to workshop/peer review day!
- **Attendance and participation:** You are expected to be prepared for class and to participate in class discussions and other activities. Such participation will be difficult unless you have read the assigned material and have the text with you. In addition, you will answer journal questions in class based upon the reading. **Journals/quizzes cannot be made-up after class.** A note about courtesy: **Please leave cell phones and other**

electronics in your bag or pocket. Work may be penalized if electronics are used. Students will not be allowed to use cell phones or laptops during class.

- Also, **you will not receive participation/attendance credit if you sleep during class.** I strive to promote a positive learning environment in which everyone participates; therefore, neither rude behavior (including whispering and note passing) nor sleeping are tolerated.
- **Workload:** This course will require a great deal of reading, writing, and revising in and out of class. There will be in-class group work, but there will be no need for students to meet out of class to work on group assignments.
- **Academic honesty:** Plagiarism and other kinds of academic dishonesty will be penalized. Plagiarized work will not earn credit. Plagiarism is defined as using another person's ideas or work and not giving him or her credit.
- If a student falls behind, I will help them get on task but will not stop the overall progress of the course.