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**Mrs. Thurman's English III Syllabus**

2021-2022

Course Description

This class is the study of two major units: The American Dream (Great Gatsby) and The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne. We will follow the LearnZillion curriculums for these units as adopted by the board of education.

Learning Objectives

- to read, comprehend, and analyze complex texts
- to improve grammar/writing skills in all modes
- to practice proper MLA format (Modern Language Association)
- to prepare for the ACT, college and beyond

Texts

The American Dream/The Great Gatsby; The Scarlet Letter; LearnZillion Unit Reader and Student Handouts

Grading Scale

Classroom Assignments - 75%

MidTerm/Final - 25% (or other percentage as determined by the school board)

Expectations

- 1. Follow all social distancing and safety guidelines.**
2. Come to class prepared with your materials, homework, and personal device.
  - Unit Reader
  - Workbook
  - Small binder with paper
  - Pencils, highlighters
3. Clean up after eating or drinking; please keep liquids away from technology. No chewing sunflower seeds.
4. Please stay off your cell phone during instruction unless otherwise instructed.
5. Please treat me, my property, and your classmates with respect.
6. Plagiarism and cheating are strictly prohibited. I realize that sometimes you can look up the answers on the Internet. You will not receive full credit for doing this.

7. Please, no profanity.

### Virtua Learning

1. You must check our Google Classroom everyday. Please have materials ready for when class begins. Always have paper and pencil.
2. You must check your school email everyday.
3. Please be aware of due dates and turn in your work on time. The only way for me to stay organized and be a better teacher for you is to impose due dates on your work. That way, I can get it graded in a timely manner. Our class period is to be used just as if you were in school . . . to do the day's assignment and turn it in.
4. To Zoom, please always use the zoom topic on the classwork section of Google classroom. At some point, the zoom link will change. I will put the new one on Google Classroom . . . if you try to use the old link in your email, problems will arise for us both.
5. Sometimes, it's easier to zoom with your phone and do the work on your Chromebook, if that's what you are using.
6. Stay muted with your camera turned on.