

grading policy

Tests and major writing assignments will count twice; quizzes and projects will count once.



- ⇒ If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz, you will make it up the day you return to school.
- ⇒ If you are absent the day *before* a test or on a review day but in school on the day of the test, you will still be required to take the test/quiz/assessment.
- ☺ *At the end of each marking quarter, your lowest quiz grade will be dropped.*

Writing is a fundamental skill that is a huge part of this course. *All writing you turn in should be your own work* as per the district's plagiarism policy. ***Late papers will receive reduced credit and will not be eligible for a rewrite.** ****No late papers will be accepted after two days have elapsed from the original due date.**

- ⇒ **WE DO NOT ACCEPT "TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY" EXCUSES** — If your printer breaks or runs out of ink, you are expected to email or share the assignment via Google Docs *before class*. Back up all work! You can always handwrite essays as well.
- ⇒ **You will not be permitted to print work during class** — any assignment that has not been printed out beforehand will be considered late until it is submitted.



expectations

In order to encourage intelligent discussion and debate, it is critically important that you all feel comfortable sharing your opinions and insights. Materials unrelated to English class should never be taken out. Additionally, refrain from any behavior that will prevent your teachers from teaching or other students from learning (the academic level and quality of your comments *will* affect your class participation average).

technology

Class Website

Copies of class notes, worksheets, homework assignments, upcoming assessments, and additional class information can be found online at mrsarresto.weebly.com. Some pages on the website are password protected — **the password is: colts.**



Remind for English 3

Text the appropriate class code to 81010:

Period 1: @mrsamrp1

Period 3: @mrsamrp3

english 3

with Mrs. Arresto
&
Mr. Pisano

room 208 (periods 1 & 3)



**Mrs. Arresto's Extra Help Hours
(Room 208)**
Mondays & Thursdays (2:15 – 2:45)
Tuesdays (7:00-7:20)
Email
carresto@bmchsd.org



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course overview



Your junior year of high school is an extremely important and challenging one. Throughout the year we will be analyzing and working with variety of literature, poetry, and non-fiction selections while also studying vocabulary and

grammar in preparation for the English Regents exam as well as the ACT/SAT exams. Therefore, you are expected to be disciplined and independent readers and writers.

literature

The works that we will read address the overarching themes of 11th grade literature — identity, conformity, rebellion, morality, and conscience. The major works are listed below:

The Great Gatsby

a Jazz Age novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Taming of the Shrew

A comedy play by William Shakespeare

Tuesdays with Morrie

A memoir by Mitch Albom

Select memoirs, speeches, films, poems, photographs, advertisements, essays, and articles



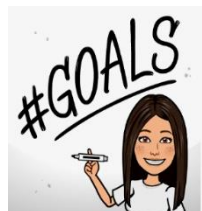
writing

This is a writing intensive course. Considering this, we will be working a great deal on formal essay writing and critical response. To meet the requirements of the Regents exam, we will write literary analysis and argument essays. In addition to these formal pieces, we will also write personal reflections and creative essays as well as begin the college essay writing process.

the regents exam

You will take the **English Regents exam on January 21st**. There is no final exam for this course!

The Regents exam incorporates works of fiction, such as short stories and poetry as well as non-fiction, such as scientific articles and historical documents. We will be preparing by emphasizing close reading skills and persuasive writing skills as well as multiple-choice strategies.



supplies

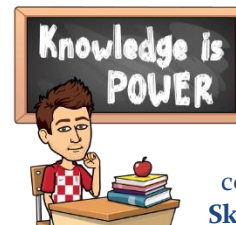
One three-ring binder (at least 1½ inches) with 3 dividers. Label each section in the following order:

- LITERATURE
- GRAMMAR & VOCAB
- TEST PREP

a complete supply list can be found on the class website



homework and reading



You are encouraged to do your best on every assignment and avoid procrastination. Homework is assigned nightly and will be spot-checked or collected at our discretion.

Skimming or reading the SparkNotes summary simply will not suffice, so we advise that you avoid using those types of shortcuts.

⇒ **Late HW is not accepted for credit!** However, we are aware that obstacles arise. Each quarter, you are allowed two “freebie” missed HWs without penalty.

⇒ **Absences DO NOT excuse you from homework: All class notes and assignments are posted to the class website daily; you are expected to check it regularly.**



⇒ In the event that you miss class due to a **sectional** or **field trip**, you are still responsible for the work missed; all work is due when you return to class.

⇒ **Special Circumstances** — As we all know, special circumstances occasionally arise that prevent us from accomplishing what we normally would. If you have special circumstances that you need to discuss with us, please do so privately and *on your own time (before/after school, via email, etc).*

