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Course Title:

English 11



Department: English

Semester and Year: 2017-2018

11th Grade English

Facing History School English Department

2017-2018

“It is never too late to be powerful.”-La Bruja

This junior-level class entitled *English 11* is a year-long American literature course that will look at novels, plays and short stories while questioning how one determines their future. We will also think about where we are from, what we value and how our experiences shape us. This course will continue to prepare you for the ELA Regents if you have not taken it or passed yet (to be taken in the January) as well as prepare you for your major papers and PBAT's needed to continue on into the Senior Institute and graduation. We will also focus on strengthening creative and formal writing skills.

****Pre-requisite: At least 6 credits in English and successful completion of 10th grade portfolios.**

Overarching Essential Question: In what ways does the American Dream manifest itself in American life?

Required texts include (but are not limited to):

- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- “A Raisin in the Sun” Lorraine Hansberry
- Various Short Stories (see below)
- Regents Prep Unit (or Argumentative Writing)
- *A View from the Bridge* by Arthur Miller
- PBAT Unit
- **NEW:** [The Color of Water](#) by James McBride

Grading: FHS uses Skedula.com which is a free internet based grading website that also allows students and parents to access grades. You will receive information on how you and your parents can access your grades at curriculum night.

This class prepares 11th graders for their ELA Regent's and PBAT presentations. Students who want to continue on to 12th grade year and Senior Institute must successfully complete their PBAT presentation. ****These are suggested pre-requisites. Placement also depends on skill level, attendance and scheduling. Pacing Calendar subject to change (TBA).*