

2021-2022 North Pointe Prep  
10th Grade Literature and Composition 2 Syllabus  
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Reading and writing has been at the forefront of increasing human intelligence since people began to put pen to paper. It improves humans' critical thinking and communication abilities, which enriches human experience, both in and out of academic settings. This year we will be utilizing the CommonLit360 curriculum. This is a nationally recognized and widely used curriculum designed from research based strategies to improve literacy in the classroom. This curriculum can be accessed at [www.commonlit.org/en/library/units](http://www.commonlit.org/en/library/units). Essential questions that will guide instruction in each unit are listed below.

Unit 1: What experiences lead us from childhood into adulthood?

Unit 2: What does science fiction teach us about ourselves and our world?

Unit 3: What does it mean to be "civilized"? How does culture affect the way a person sees the world?

Unit 4: To what extent has Lowell's vision for textile factories been realized since its inception?

Unit 5: How does war change us? How should we honor and support survivors of war?

Unit 6: Should schools be able to discipline students for what they say on social media?

In each unit, students will be developing their reading, writing and speaking/listening skills.

### Materials

- **Novel:** Please purchase *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. Please notify me if there are any issues with purchasing.
- A notebook exclusively for this class (3 subject notebook or more would be ideal).
- A folder exclusively for this class (3 ring binder would be ideal).
- Writing utensils
- All paper materials given in class can also be found in Google Classroom.
- Independent reading novel/book

### Missed assignments and late work as outlined by student handbook

Missed Assignments: It is the responsibility of the student to complete any missed assignments or tests due to an excused absence as follows (this does not apply to classes missed due to a school event):

1. Make-up work –A student has two days for each absence to complete missed assignments.

2. Make-up privileges shall not exceed one week without written administrator approval.
3. Missed test –Scheduled tests will be administered at the teacher’s discretion, which may be during tutoring (this does not apply to semester exams).
4. Missed quiz –Pop or announced quizzes will be made up at the teacher’s discretion.

Late Assignments-Students are expected to turn in work on time (when called for by the teacher during class time). Acceptance of late work is at the discretion of the teacher as outlined in their course syllabus.

Pointe Cellphone Policy: Cellphones are to be set in silent-mode and put away during class. Other personal electronic devices (ipods, mp3 players, games) are also not allowed to be used in class.

Grading Policy/Scales (see page 15 of student handbook for grade scales).

Important: North Pointe does not accept course credit from other high school or online institutions for currently enrolled students.

Class rules as listed in student handbook:

**Be on time. Respect yourself and others. Be prepared. Do your best work. Maintain an environment for learning. Keep a positive attitude. Take responsibility. Dress appropriately. Use your time wisely.**

**Let’s have a Legendary Year!**

Please sign to acknowledge that you have read the above syllabus.

Student (print name) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian (print name) \_\_\_\_\_

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