

English 11
Miss James

Welcome to English 11! This year we will study a wide variety of literature that will help provide information that will satisfy two goals:

- Help you prepare for the English 11 Regents (You will take this in January and you MUST pass this exam in order to graduate.)
- Help you to improve as readers and writers

We will be studying the following novels:

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

While studying the above novels, you should expect daily reading assignments, reading quizzes and writing assignments that relate to each novel. At the end of each work, you will either take a test that covers the entire novel or you will be required to complete a project.

Our study of drama will include:

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

This work will be read primarily in class, however, you should also be ready for daily quizzes and writing assignments as we progress through the play.

Our work this year will also include a study of **poetry and short stories**.

You will also have **weekly vocabulary lists**. There will be a **quiz every Friday**.

In addition to the above material, you do a **Career Research Project**. More information on this will come at a later date.

You will also participate in a **Contemporary Fiction Project**. Details will be provided at a later time.

The final component of English 11 is working to improve our writing. The English 11 Regents is a very intensive (6 hours divided into two 3 hour sections) exam. You have learned all of the Regents tasks in English 9 and 10. Our goal during the first half of the year is to refine your skills so your essays are more focused and effective.

In order for you to be successful in this class, you will have to stay caught up on your work. If you miss a day, make sure you come to me to find out what you missed! I will not chase you down for missed work! I will be available every day after school for extra

help or for you to make up missed work, so please take advantage of it! I look forward to a fun and challenging year.