

## English 10- Multicultural literature

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### **You will need a notebook for journaling and a small notebook for vocabulary**

“Many stories matter. Stories have been used to dispossess and to malign. But stories can also be used to empower, and to humanize. Stories can break the dignity of a people. But stories can also repair that broken dignity.”

— Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

### **Overview:**

This class will focus on literature and stories from multiple perspectives (mostly based in the United States). In the class we will examine issues of race, gender, culture, and society. Not only will we begin to understand other perspectives but examine our own world and where we come from. We will examine these issues through seminal documents, poetry, novels, film, and short stories.

**Units** (subject to change and additions!)

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Contemporary Native American studies- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

Alice Walker

*The Girl Who Fell From the Sky* by Heidi Durrow

### **Objectives:**

Students will acquire and use new vocabulary related to the SAT test.

Students will effectively write persuasive synthesis essays using textual evidence and proper citation.

Students will effectively write literary analysis essays using textual evidence and proper citation.

Students will gain new perspectives of a variety of cultures within our society through the medium of literature and non-fiction texts.

## **Grading:**

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

60-69 D

0-59 F

Most assignments will be 5-20 points while larger projects such as essays and summative tests will be 50-100 points.

## **Classroom Expectations:**

### Cell phones

Cell phones are not permitted in class (whether this is inside or out). Your first offense will result in losing your phone for the class period. The second offense will result in losing your phone until the end of the school day. If there continues to be a problem it will result in detention and/or a phone call home. DO NOT remove your phone from its safe keeping until the teacher gives you permission.

### Bathroom

Please do not use the bathroom unless it's an emergency. If it becomes a problem there will be a limited number of bathroom trips per student.

### Late Work

Late work will be accepted with an excused absence for half credit until the end of a unit. After the unit is over no late work will be accepted.

### Tardies

If you are not in your seat (or assigned location) when the bell rings it's considered a tardy. After the second tardy you will owe the teacher time to makeup the time you miss. If it continues to be a problem tardies will affect your grade.

### Respect

This classroom is a safe space for all people. You are expected to treat everyone with respect (even towards those not present in the classroom). Words and attitudes that are not respectful will not be tolerated and could result in ejection from the classroom and/or a phone call home.

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Please return this with a signature from a parent/guardian for your first assignment worth 5 points

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

