

INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

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Course description

Students will explore literature that examines issues relevant to our lives as well examine, on their own, the forces that shape an individual within a given society. Several novels will be used to explore issues such as beauty, gender, race, and justice. Students should be prepared to read and analyze additional, independently read literature. Reading, sharing insights, working collaboratively, and completing both oral and written project will be required. Students will be expected to keep an open mind while carrying out class discussions, writing essays, and completing projects. We should also remember that, while we are expected to read critically, we should not make assumptions or pre-judge.

Course thesis

Societies cannot exist without the individuals who live within it, but individuals are also influenced and shaped by that society.

Expectations

This course is most relevant and enjoyable when everyone participates. Come with an open mind, prepared to share your insights and experiences and respectfully listen to what others have to say. Be on time. Be prepared. Be respectful to me, your classmates, and yourself. With consistent effort, participation, and quality work you are sure to do well.

You'll need a binder, a single-subject notebook (or loose-leaf paper in the binder), and a pen or pencil.

Grading

Essays, Projects, and Tests - 30%

Quizzes - 20%

Homework/ classwork - 30%

Preparation & participation - 20%

No late work will be accepted unless you are absent and that absence is excused. You may turn in major writing assignments and projects after the due date, but late work will a portion of a letter grade daily (B to B-, then C+, etc.).

Essays should be turned in by 11:59 pm on the day they are due.

Missed tests and quizzes must be made up within a week of your return to class. It is your responsibility to arrange a time before or after school, or during a study hall.

I do not allow any extra work for extra credit. Please do your best to stay on track and use designated class time to work on assignments. You should have ample time to work on most assignments in class, and I expect you to do so. Doing something other than the assignment in class will affect your classwork and participation grades.

Participation

Every student starts this class with an 80 in participation. This grade will be updated periodically based on your behavior in class. For the most part, you should know what kinds of behavior constitute a drop in your grade and which a raise.