

Mr. Roets
Room 318

Course Expectations for American Literature (11th Grade) – 2017/2018

Everyday Class Requirements:

Students are expected to arrive in class with the following:

- The appropriate text
- Completed homework
- A notebook
- Pen or pencil
- A willingness to learn
- Energy
- Respect for themselves, each other, and the teacher

Students are expected to follow the rules and regulations of the school as set out in the Student Handbook. Students are expected to follow the mutually agreed upon rules of the classroom.

PHONES: Phones are not to be seen or heard, unless their use is requested by Mr. Roets. There will be appropriate times to use phones in class, but that determination will be made by the instructor.

Extra Help:

Extra help is available by appointment in room 318. I have hall duty period 1, prep periods 4 and 7 (possibly in room 318), and I am available by appointment after school (can be tricky during play seasons and tennis season).

Contact Information: My email address is jroets@wethersfield.me. This is BY FAR the best way to contact me but the new phone system will work as well. You can speak with me or leave a message at 860-571-8200 ext. 1750.

Website: My school website is WHSRoets.weebly.com. On this site you will find pages for American Lit Honors and American Lit Level 2 (as well as ECE Comp, Boys' Tennis and WHS Drama). All major assignments and resources will be on these pages!!!! When in doubt, check the webpage.

Assigned Reading:

Reading is essential for all academic disciplines, but especially so for literature classes. Reading is more than just gazing at words and turning pages; reading requires thought, connections, and imagination for comprehension. **Expect to read every single day, either in class or for homework.** Pages assigned may vary with textual size and difficulty, but honors students can expect reading assignments up to forty pages a night (of fiction), level one students up to twenty-five pages a night, and level two students up to fifteen pages a night.

Written Work:

The one skill most in demand in today's world is the ability to communicate effectively in writing. Writing well takes hard work and a conscientious focus. It is a **process**, not just a **product**. Students will write something almost **every day** in a variety of forms, such as:

- One page in class responses
- Reading journals
- Academic writing – argumentative and persuasive, literary criticism, etc

