



## Syllabus

**Course Name: Forms of Literature**

**Course Number:** ENGL 2341.H1

**Semester & Year:** Master

### Instructor Information

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**Textbook Information:** Kennedy X.J. and Gioia, D., *Backpack Literature*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Pearson. Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

**Materials needed:** Black pens & pencil, white, lined notebook paper, notebook/folder, reading response journal

**Course Description:** This course is the study of one or more literary genres including, but not limited to, poetry, fiction, drama, and film.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify key ideas, representative authors and works, significant historical or cultural events, and characteristic perspectives or attitudes expressed in the literature of different periods or regions.
2. Analyze literary works as expressions of individual or communal values within the social, political, cultural, or religious contexts of different literary periods.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the development of characteristic forms or styles of expression during different historical periods or in different regions.
4. Articulate the aesthetic principles that guide the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
5. Write research-based critical papers about the assigned readings in clear and grammatically correct prose, using various critical approaches to literature.

### Student Requirements for Completion of the Course:

Students are expected to participate in class research, discussions, activities, and keep a reading response journal based on selected readings. Students will be responsible for a collaborative film presentation. Two essays and two exams will be given over the semester. The course is a **HYBRID course; therefore, students will access MOODLE for some of the course content including discussion forums, exams, films, and collaborative work.**

### **Student Requirements for Completion of the Course:**

Students will write at least two essays over the course of the semester that will include a research essay. The research essay will be at least 4-6 pages in length, use Modern Language Association (MLA) documentation and format, and require a minimum of four sources. *The instructor may choose to assign a literary project that has an essay component as one of the essays or the project can be counted as an additional exam grade.* Instructors will use the Texarkana College Grading Rubric for English 1301 Composition I and English 1302 Composition II. Students will incorporate the Literary Elements and Poetic Devices to analyze various genres of literature.

Two major essays will be assigned including an literary analysis/research essay. Each essay will be worth 200 points with the exception of the literary analysis/research essay that will be worth 300 points. 50 % of the overall grade will come from the essays. Short story quizzes, short story analysis, reading response journal, collaborative work, and participation will make up 20% of the grade, and the other 30% of the overall course grade will come from a collaborative literary project/presentation and two exams. **Failure to turn in any one of the essays will result in a failing grade for the course.** The course is a **HYBRID/ONLINE course; therefore, students will access MOODLE for some of the course content including links to reading assignments, discussion forums, quizzes, response paragraphs, and collaborative work.**

#### **Student Assessment:**

##### **Essays: 50%**

Essays will be recorded as follows:

Character Analysis Essay – Content	100
Character Analysis Essay – Grammar	100
Literary Analysis Essay – Content	100
Literary Analysis Essay – Grammar	100

##### **Exams/Collaborative Project: 30%**

Mid-Term Exam	100
Final Exam	100
Collaborative Literary Project/Presentation	100

##### **Daily Assignments: 20%**

Quizzes	100
Discussion Forums/Plot Analysis	100
Journal/Response Paragraphs	100
Peer-editing	100
Collaborative work/participation	100

### **Course Requirements**

50% 2 Essays

30% 2 Exams & Collaborative Literary Project

20% Daily Assignments

### **Student Assessment:**

<b>Assignments and Assessments</b>	<b>Percentage of overall grade</b>	<b># of Activities</b>	<b>Total Percentage of Final Grade</b>
Essays	50%	2 Essays	50 %
Exams & Collaborative Film Presentation	30%	2 Exams & Collaborative Literary Project & Presentation	30 %
Daily Assignments	20%	Daily Assignments	20 %
Total Points/Percentage Possible			100 %

### **Grading Scale:**

<b>Grade</b>	
<b>A</b>	90-100
<b>B</b>	80-89
<b>C</b>	70-79
<b>D</b>	60-69
<b>F</b>	59-below

### **Class Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Material to be covered</b>
Week	1	Introductions: Collaborative Base Groups; Course Requirements; Review MOODLE page: Sign syllabus sheet; Review literary elements
Week	2	Age of Realism: Historic background, influences & characteristics - Mark Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Novel - Read Chapters 1-17 - Study Questions
Week	3	Mark Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Novel - Read Chapters 18-27 Study Questions
Week	4	Mark Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Novel – Read Chapters 33-37 Study Questions – Character Analysis Essay
Week	5	Character Analysis Essay; Modernist Era
Week	6	Modernist Era: Historic background, influences & characteristics; Read Poetry Selections TBA (Robert Frost, Langston Hughes, E.E. Cummings)
Week	7	Discuss Poetry Explication & Poetic Devices: Selections by Robert Frost,

		Langston Hughes, E.E. Cummings
Week	8	MIDTERM Exam - Complete Poetry Explications; Introduce selections by Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner & Kate Chopin
Week	9	Age of Romanticism: Historic background, influences & characteristics. Selections by Edgar Allan Poe – “The Raven,” “The Fall of the House of Usher,” and “The Cask of Amontillado” - Theme, Setting, Point of View
Week	10	Drama: Reading, Responding, Writing: Post Modern Era – Historic background, influences & characteristics Tennessee Williams – The Glass Menagerie
Week	11	The Glass Menagerie – Work on Literary Analysis Essay & Collaborative Literary Project
Week	12	Work on Literary Analysis Essay & Collaborative Literary Project
Week	13	Proof & Revise Literary Analysis Essay
Week	14	Collaborative Literary Project/Presentations – Extended Literary Analysis Essay Due
Week	15	Collaborative Literary Project/ Presentations
Week	16	Final Exam

Please Note:

### **ABSENTEE POLICY**

Texarkana College’s absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she **may** be considered absent. Three tardies constitute one absence. It is the student’s responsibility to check the syllabus for each instructor’s tardy policy.

In some workforce/vocational areas, such as nursing and cosmetology, certification requirements necessitate an absentee policy that is more stringent than the institutional policy. In these instances, the matter of certification takes precedence over local policies, since certification policies are established by the State of Texas.

Faculty members **are not** obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student’s absence from class. The institution is not required to take attendance with the exception of workforce/vocational areas, where certification requirements require taking attendance. However, experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student **may** receive a grade of “F” in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of “F” or “W”.

Withdrawal from a course(s) **may** affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**

A student's absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student's allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook.

These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College.

Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty\* or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures.

Instructors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons. Make-up policies are listed in each individual instructor's syllabus.

*\*Students interested in Health Occupations should check with the division chair prior to entering the program.*

**ONLINE/HYBRID COURSE ABSENCES**

Absence in an **online course** is defined as the lack of an active post or submission within the course including discussion board posts, written assignments, and tests. This standard will be used to determine all absentee issues, including but not limited to, 12<sup>th</sup> Day Census Reports, last date of attendance, and involuntary withdrawal from a course due to absences. All online students must complete an Enrollment Verification activity within the first week of class (activity depends upon the professor); otherwise the professor **may** drop the student for not having attended. Students must complete at least one activity in their online class per week. Each week in which a student does not complete an activity will be counted as an absence.

If a student is taking a hybrid course, and it does not meet during the first week of class, the student must also complete an Enrollment Verification activity within the first week of class; otherwise the student **may** be dropped for not having attended.

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ABSENCES**

After official registration, the following number of unexcused absences will be the maximum allowable before a student **may** be dropped from the class. Mandated program certification requirements detailed for certain programs regarding the maximum allowable unexcused absences takes precedence over the following information.

**Academic Classes**

A COURSE THAT MEETS FOR THE FULL 16 WEEK SEMESTER	
Class or Lab Meets:	An instructor <b>may</b> withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed:
Once a week (Night classes or Friday classes)	2
Twice a week (MW or TR classes)	4
Three times a week (MWF or TRF classes)	6
Four times a week (MTWR classes)	8
	Three tardies count as one absence

<b>A COURSE THAT MEETS FOR 14 WEEKS OF THE SEMESTER</b>	
Class or Lab Meets:  Twice a week (MW or TR classes)	An instructor <b>may</b> withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed:  4  Three tardies count as one absence.
<b>A COURSE THAT MEETS FOR 8 WEEKS OF THE SEMESTER (Fast-Track)</b>	
Class or Lab Meets:  Four times a week (MTWR classes)	An instructor <b>may</b> withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed:  4  Three tardies count as one absence.
<b>A COURSE THAT MEETS FOR 5 WEEKS OF THE SEMESTER (Summer Sessions)</b>	
Class or Lab Meets:  3 times a week (MTW) (evening classes) 4 times a week (MTWR) (day classes)	An instructor <b>may</b> withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed:  2 2  Three tardies count as one absence.

**Workforce Classes (This does not include Health Occupations. See Health Occupations Handbook regarding absences for that program.)**

Day Classes	Evening Classes
Class meets:  5 days a week (MTWRF)  The instructor <b>may</b> withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed five (5) up until the published Last Day for Students to Drop. Absences that exceed this number after the drop day may result in the student receiving an "F" in the program for that semester.  Three tardies count as one absence.	Class Meets:  4 evenings a week (MTWR)  The instructor <b>may</b> withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed five (5) up until the published Last Day for Students to Drop. Absences that exceed this number after the drop day may result in the student receiving an "F" in the program for that semester.  Three tardies count as one absence.

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**Last Day for Student to Drop:**

The official drop date is \_\_\_\_\_, which is the last date for the student to drop this course with a W.

**Make-up Policy:**

If the student is absent, it is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements to complete the assignments within one week of the absence. If a student is excused for a Texarkana College extra-curricular activity, religious holiday, or military service, the student must receive prior approval from the Dean of Students and the instructor. Assignments must be completed prior to the excused absence.

**Academic Dishonesty Policy: Academic Integrity Statement**

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an “F”. This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

**Disability Act Statement:**

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3283, or go by the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department located in the Administration building for personal assistance.

If a student has an accommodation letter from the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department indicating that he or she has a disability that requires academic accommodations, the student should present the letter to the instructor so accommodations can be made. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

**Financial Aid:**

**Attention!** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

**Daily Assignments:** Daily work may include quizzes, in-class essay questions, reading response journal, and collaborative work.

**Assignment Headings**

The following information should be placed in the right corner of each assignment to be turned in: Name (First and last)

ENGL 2341 (Class & Section)

Date

Also, write the name of the chapter, assignment title, and page number on the page at the top.

**Viewing Grades:**

Grades are available via an online grade book- Engrade ([www.engage.com/students](http://www.engage.com/students)) - Student grades are posted throughout the semester; Students will receive information about accessing grades by the third week of class.

**TC Email:**

Students should check their TC Email account on a regular basis to check for general information sent from campus or instructors. Also, when emailing the instructor, the students should use the TC Email account.

**Class Policies:** Cell phones and beepers must be turned off and not visible in the class unless an emergency situation exists. This situation must be discussed with the instructor prior to class. If a student is caught text-messaging in class, the student will be dropped from the class. If a student's cell phone rings in class, the student will receive a warning and will be dropped from class after the second offense.

Students should make arrangements with the instructor in advance if they need to leave class before dismissal. There will be a zero tolerance policy for any behavior that is disruptive of classroom learning. This includes ANY use of vulgar language or rude behavior toward instructor or any other student in the class.

Only plastic bottled drinks will be allowed in the classroom. No other food or drinks are permitted.

**NOTE:** The above guidelines are subject to amendment by the instructor at any point during the semester.

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