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Angelo State University Curriculum/Core Objectives for 1302
1. Critical Thinking Skills: To include thinking, innovation, inquiry, analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2. Communication Skills: To include effective written, oral, and visual communication
3. Teamwork: to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
4. Personal Responsibility: To include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making

Course Description
From the ASU catalog: “A course in critical thinking and writing across the curriculum, including the research process and the research paper.”

Course Text
*Literature: The American Experience*, Prentice Hall

Calendar
The instructor reserves the right to amend the schedule and procedures in this syllabus. Students need to keep up with all assignments whether present in class or not.

Grading
- Essay #1 Personal Narrative 5%
- Essay #2 Assigned topic 15%
- Essay #3 Assigned topic 15%
- Research Paper 25%
- Daily Assignments and Quizzes 20%
- Portfolio (Binder) 5%
- Final 15%

The final exam is scheduled May 4, 2020.
Course Assignments
In this course, you will complete various daily assignments and activities; actively participate in workshops (work in class with your peers on revising your writing), conferences (meet with me to discuss your writing), and class discussions; read assigned texts; compose essays and reading responses; and finally create a research paper. **Essay Late Policy:** One day late is 15 points off; two days late is 30 points off. You can not make up late work except for the essays as stated above. There will not be any extra credit assignments.

Special Accomodations
“Persons with disabilities that may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, located in room 112 of the University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to any being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.”
https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/.

Student Disability Services
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA), and subsequent legislation. The Office of Student Affairs is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting: Ms. Dallas A. SwaffordDirector of Student Disability Services 325-942-2047 dallas.swafford@angelo.edu Houston Harte University Center

Title IX Statement
Angelo State University is committed to the safety and security of all students. If you or someone you know experience sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking, or discrimination, you may contact ASU’s Title IX Coordinator: Michelle Nicole Boone, J.D.Director of Title IX Compliance 2Michelle.boone@angelo.edu 325-486-6357 Mayer Administration Building204

Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.
Incomplete Grade Policy
It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

Student Conduct Policies
Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

Academic Integrity Plagiarism
Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.
In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list. Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.

Academic Honesty
You are responsible for knowing the Academic Honor Code, which is available on ASU’s web at http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/HonorCode.pdf “All ASU students are expected to understand and comply with the University’s policy on Academic Honesty as stated in the ASU Bulletin and in the ASU Student Handbook. Students who violate the Policy on Academic Honesty will be subject to disciplinary action including a failing grade in the course.”

Copyright Policy
Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

Student Handbook
In addition to the above policies, students need to familiarize themselves with the information in the ASU Student Handbook. https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/
General Policies Related to This Course
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents: Angelo State University Student Handbook.

Student Responsibilities
● Completely and carefully read all reading assignments
● Take notes during class lectures and discussions
● Locate, evaluate, and integrate resources from the library and databases into your writings
● Conduct a methodical research process to complete an academic research paper
● Practice source citation properly for academic research purposes

Course Outline
I. Short Story: Our focus will be on American authors from Mark Twain to contemporary ones. We will have classroom discussions and reading responses. (The first two weeks of class, students will write an essay on culture.) For each work there will be discussions of literary elements such as plot/conflict, characterization, setting, point of view, symbolism, theme and devices like humor.

II. Research Paper: Students will begin to formulate/brainstorm ideas for their research paper, which will on an American author or literary style. The topic has to be discussed with the instructor and approved by her.

III. Drama: The Crucible
A copy is located in the textbook The American Experience. The class will read some orally and other parts independently. Learning activities include classroom discussions, lecture, reading responses, and quizzes. Elements of drama will be explored.

IV. Novel: A novel will be chosen at a later date. Elements of a novel will be discussed. Classroom discussions, lecture, reading responses, and quizzes will be used. An in-class exam may be an option.