

We will be studying a representation of American literature in various genres and films. The works will be read by the entire class. The books have been chosen based on their appropriateness to the course;

Below you can see a list of the types of works we will be reading or viewing. Also, while some of the materials have been selected, the list is subject to change based on the direction of the class discussions, the discovery of new and relevant novels, and somewhat on the students' preferences.

by F. Scott Fitzgerald	(2013) PG-13 (1996) PG-13 (1999) PG (1997) TV-14 (1998) PG-13 (Documentary) The History Channel's (Documentary - Not Rated)
by Arthur Miller	(Mitch Albom) by John Krakauer (excerpts)

(From Student Handbook 24 - 25)

Semester Exams are designed to evaluate student mastery of the skills, concepts, and knowledge included in the Alabama College and Career Standards.

Semester Exams are required for all classes for which an academic credit may be earned.

Semester Exams will count 10% of each semester's average in year-long, full credit classes (each semester average being 50% of the final class grade).

Final Exams in 9-week, half credit classes will count 10% of the final grade.

Semester Exams in half year, full credit courses will count 20% of the final grade.

Students may have the option of being exempt from the semester exam if one of the following criteria are met:

- Have perfect attendance and a passing grade in the class up to the date of the semester exam
- Have an A average and no more than three excused absences in the class up to the date of the semester exam
- Have a B average and no more than two excused absences up to the date of the semester exam
- Have a C average and no more than one excused absence up to the date of the semester exam

Exempt students will have the option of taking the semester exam and dropping the score.

No exemptions for semester examinations in a class will be given to:

- Students with an unexcused absence in the class
- Students who have been referred to the Alternative School or Saturday School
- Students in a class that is a weighted class