

Cocke County High School

English III

2025-26 Syllabus

Part 1: Course Information

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Course Description

Students will examine American Literature from the 17th 18th and 19th centuries which will include the following genres: plays, speeches, short stories, essays, poetry, and novels. Academic writing, grammar and ACT test preparation are a continuing part of English III.

Textbooks and Course Materials

Texts

Prentice Hall Literature: The American Experience

The Great Gatsby

Letter from the Birmingham Jail

Materials

Paper, pen, and pencils

Notebooks

Course Structure

Various methods including lecture, discussion, collaborative group learning, and creative projects make up class instructional methods.

Part 2: Course Content

Writing: writing process, literary writing, poems

Academic writing: expository, persuasive, narrative essays

Procedural or work related writing: resumes, job and scholarship applications

Novels: *The Pearl* *The Great Gatsby*

Plays: *The Crucible*

Short Stories: A variety of Native American myths and stories of American authors from the 18th and 19th centuries

Poems: selections from the poetry of Dickinson, Whitman, Frost, and poets of the Harlem Renaissance

Part 4: Grading Policy

Grading Scale for Cocke County

A=90-100

B=80-89

C=70-79

D=60-69

F=0-59

Graded Course Activities

Percent	Description
40%	Exams
25%	Standards
10%	Bell Ringers
15%	In Class Assignments
10%	Group Activities

Part 5: Course Policies

Attend Class

Students are expected to attend all class sessions listed on the calendar.

Build Rapport

If you have trouble keeping up with assignments or any other aspect of the course, make sure you let your instructor know. Do this early in the semester so that you can maintain an effective relationship with your teacher and be on the right path to passing the class.

Complete Assignments

Assignments must be submitted by the deadline or special permission given before the due date. Extensions will not be given beyond the next assignment unless the circumstances are extreme.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes cheating, inventing false information, plagiarism, and helping another commit academic dishonesty. Any assignment that is submitted and shown to be academically dishonest will result in a zero. The instructor may or may not choose to allow the student to redo that assignment. If the student is allowed to redo the assignment, the highest grade that is possible is 60.

