

# English I/II – American Literature Focus

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*English Composition and Grammar credit*

**Grade:** 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

**Fees:** \$30 per month

**Course Description:** We will read a variety of American authors past and present and write a variety of response papers for the majority of the readings. We will focus on the five common topics (definition, comparison, circumstance, relationship, and authority) to discuss and refine our chosen topics for writing. We will also discuss grammar rules, mechanics, and other good writing practices.

Alternate reading lists will be provided for those who have read the primary literature list.

## **Textbooks:**

1) *The Lost Tools of Writing Level One Student Workbook* by Circe Institute. The student will need the workbook and extra pages of the “invention” page. We will use this workbook as our basis for all of our essays during the year. In the second semester, we will also introduce comparison essays.

2) *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation: An Easy-to-Use Guide with Clear Rules, Real-World Examples, and Reproducible Quizzes* (11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> editions are fine)

3) **Additionally**, we will be reading the following books and stories. Used, unabridged copies are fine. Please let me know if you have difficulty finding titles. I truly love to hunt for books! We may not write a paper on every book or story, but we will discuss them in class.

*Gifted Hands* by Dr. Ben Carson

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

*Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

*The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry

*Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi

*The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper

*The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* by Benjamin Franklin

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

## **Additional supplies needed for class:**

Legal pad (color doesn't matter)

GOOD pen and pencil

Access to Grammarly.com and owl.purdue.edu for editing help and MLA information