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## English 300



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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of the English 300 course is to enable the student to write with competence, to read with understanding, to speak with precision, and most importantly, to think creatively and critically. Based upon the study of British Literature, the program is designed to meet the individual needs of each student as he/ she prepares for future educational goals and challenges. The English 300 course fulfills the eleventh grade requirement for English and adheres to the New Jersey Core Content Standards for Language Arts and Literacy and Cross Content Career Standards for Language Arts Literacy. Emphasis will be placed on preparing the student for the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) and the Student Achievement Test (SAT). (Rutherford Board of Education)



### **REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Literature: English Literature. McDougal, Littell & Co., 1989

The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Macbeth by William Shakespeare

1984 by George Orwell



**REQUIRED SUPPLIES:** Notebook, pen, books, Bulldog planners. Be sure to bring all required materials every day, unless instructed otherwise.



**NO PHONE ZONE:** Please recognize the importance of academic demeanor leave all cell phones, pagers, etc in your locker.



**ATTENDANCE:** Daily attendance is essential. In the event you must miss a class due to an in school responsibility you must notify me in advance. Remember, it is your responsibility to get work missed and to complete it in a timely manner. You have one day for every day you are absent to make up the work you have

missed. If you are absent on the day you are to present, you will present upon your return.



**PASS USAGE:** Should you need to leave the classroom for any reason, use the designated pass. There is a "sign out" sheet next to the designated pass. Passes will not be distributed during the **FIRST** and the **LAST TEN MINUTES** of class. You have a limited amount of time to use the pass on any given day. Further, your pass usage can be and will be restricted if you abuse the privilege.



**NOTE TAKING/NOTEBOOKS:** Notes will be given daily; therefore, a notebook is essential. The kind of notebook you wish to use is up to you; however, be sure you always have the notebook! If you miss notes due to an absence, get the notes from someone who is in the class with you. ***A piece of paper borrowed from a peer does not constitute a notebook.*** The notebook should be divided into four different sections: **1) writing, 2) literature 3) Vocabulary 4).** **Note:** Keep your notebooks organized!



**HOMEWORK (A.K.A "homefun") :** Homework is given daily. Homework will be due at the beginning of class and will be handed in at that time. Should you be absent, it is your responsibility to find out the work that you missed. There are ways you can find out what work you missed: 1) ask a friend who is in the class with you; 2) look at the website [www.mrstracco.com](http://www.mrstracco.com) or "Homework Hero"; 3) contact me at [mstr@rutherfordsschools.org](mailto:mstr@rutherfordsschools.org) or [stracco212@yahoo.com](mailto:stracco212@yahoo.com) .



## **ASSESSMENTS:**

You will be assessed through quizzes, projects, oral interpretations, performance based activities, presentations, writings, tests, in class activities and discussions, and homework. At the end of each unit there will be a major project and unit test. You will have a choice of projects along with the corresponding rubrics. Rubrics will be used as a both an instructional tool and as a self evaluative tool. These rubrics will be distributed and will also listed on the website [www.mrstracco.com](http://www.mrstracco.com) under the "English 300" link. Projects and papers will always have "benchmark dates" and a designated due date which will be announced and posted. Your quarter grades will be based on percentage points using the following weights:

<b>Homework:</b>	10%
<b>Projects:</b>	35%
<b>Class participation:</b>	10%
<b>Tests</b>	30%
<b>Writing Assignments</b>	15%



**AVAILABILITY :** I am available for extra help on Tuesdays through Fridays. Use the Bulldog calendar on my desk to schedule your appointment.