

8th ELA, 9th -12th Grade English, AP Literature, Senior Media

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The Instructor

I am thrilled to welcome your student into this 2020-21 school year at First Baptist Christian School! This is my fifth year at FBCS, and I'm honored to be a part of a school that pursues both academic excellence and Christ. I have a degree in English Education as well as a master's degree in English Literature. My passion is to see students gain a Biblical worldview through the lens of literature.

The Course

In my English courses, my goal is to have students to become very comfortable with close reading and analytical writing. We read full novels, full plays, and numerous short stories and poems. We will write full essays, timed writes, and shorter responses. I hope to equip students to leave my course with confidence in their ability to read, understand, and discuss (in both writing and verbal discussion) a variety of literature. Students should also leave my course with the skills needed to conduct research and compile it in a formal essay and/or presentation.

Homework

I will write homework assignments and upcoming assessments on my board; additionally, homework assignments can be found on my webpage on the school website. Homework in this course consists of the following:

- *Finish writing assignments.* Students have plenty of time to work on writing in class, but they may need more time at home to polish their work.
- *Study for quizzes and tests.* This may also involve students using online resources to review for a reading quiz on reading that we completed in class.
- *Complete assigned reading.* Assigned reading is always followed by a reading quiz the next day.
- **SENIORS ONLY:** *Seniors should be working on senior project all first semester and through February!*

Class Website and Headmaster

The class website will be updated on each Monday of the week with homework assignments and upcoming assessments. If your student is absent, he or she is expected to check my webpage in order to get his or her homework. To access the class website, go to www.fbcseagles.com > Teacher Updates > Class Updates. Your student's grades can be accessed through Headmaster.

Conferences

I am happy to meet with you and/or your student with any concerns or questions *after school and by appointment*. If you would like to meet with me, please contact me to set up an appointment by emailing me at melissa.billeaud@fbcseagles.com. Students can informally come and receive assistance on assignments without appointment any day after school: I'm almost always in my room until 4 PM.

Additional Materials

New students in my courses are required to have a three-ring binder (one inch or bigger) as a writing portfolio. Returning students should already have their writing portfolio in my classroom.

Grading Scale: A = 100-93; B = 92-85; C = 84-75; D = 74-67; F = 66-0

****see grading breakdown on back****

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any comments or concerns—I'm here for our FBCS families!

In Christ, Melissa Billeaud

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men...

You are serving the Lord Christ." -Colossians 3:23

8TH GRADE ELA GRADING RUBRIC PER QUARTER

Assignment	Percentage of Overall Grade	Point Value	Breakdown
In-Class Activities and Classwork	15%	120	15 pts per week
Grammar Quizzes	15%	120	(3 per quarter) 40 pt quizzes (Wk. 1, 5, 7)
Composition	20%	160	(2) 25-pt paragraph responses (1) 100 pt essay + 10 pt outline (mid-unit)
Grammar Tests	30%	240	(3 per quarter) 80 pt tests (Wk. 2, 4, 6)
Exams	20%	160	
TOTAL	100%	800	

9TH-11TH GRADE GRADING RUBRIC PER QUARTER

Assignment	Percentage of Overall Grade	Point Value	Breakdown
In-Class Activities/Homework	25%	200	25 points per week (8 weeks)
Grammar Quizzes	5%	40	(2) 20 pt grammar quizzes
Reading Quizzes and Tests	20%	160	20 points per week (8 weeks)
Compositions and Presentations	30%	280	(1) 20 pt journal response (2) 30 pt paragraph responses OR 1 presentation (2) 70 pt TW (1) 120 pt essay + 10 pt. MLA score
Exams	20%	175	
TOTAL	100%	855	

12TH GRADE GRADING RUBRIC—DURING SENIOR PROJECT (1-3 Nine Weeks)

Assignment	Percentage of Overall Grade	Point Value	Breakdown
In-Class Activities and Homework	15%	120	15 pts per week
Grammar Quizzes	5%	40	(2) 20 pt grammar quizzes
Reading Quizzes and Tests	20%	165	20 points per week
Compositions and Presentations	40%	355	(1) 30 pt paragraph (1) 70 pt TW (1) 120 pt essay + 10 pt. prep work score (1) Senior Project (125 pts)
Exams	20%	175	
TOTAL	100%	855	