

9th -12th Grade English and Senior Media

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Hello

I am thrilled to welcome your student into this 2021-22 school year at First Baptist Christian School! This is my first 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 Literature as well as a master's degree in Library Information Science. My passion is to see students develop a love for reading and an appreciation of literature.

The goal is to have students become 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 Google Calendar. 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!*

Google Calendar and Headmaster

The class calendar 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 calendar in order to get his or her homework. 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 natalie.beam@fbcseagles.com. Students can informally come and receive assistance on assignments without appointment Monday through Thursday: 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, Natalie Beam

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

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

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 (1) 70 pt TW (1) 120 pt essay + 10 pt. MLA score
Exams	20%	175	
TOTAL	100%	855	

**12TH GRADE GRADING RUBRIC—DURING SENIOR PROJECT
(1st to 3rd 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	