

# Film and Literature

## Welcome to the Film and Literature class.

Please take a few minutes to read the following rules and to share them with your parents; contact me if you have any questions.

This course is an elective English course aimed at eleventh and twelfth grade students; successful completion of tenth grade English is recommended. Over the next few weeks, you will learn to understand the relationship between movies and literature. To meet this goal, you will analyze texts and movies, you will participate in class discussions, you will support your statements with facts, and you will present your thoughts in writing; a journal will be a component of this course. You will have a few individual and group projects; for example, as an individual, you will present a body of work related to a specific director, and as a member of a self-selected group, you will help create a advertisement and short movie package. Most assessments will follow the Six Traits rubrics adopted by our school. You must schedule an individual conference before January 16 if you wish to jointly design a personalized honor curriculum.

### Grading scale

Superior	A- 90 to <93	A 93 to 100	
Very good	B- 80 to <83	B 83 to <87	B+ 87 to <90
Adequate	C- 70 to <73	C 73 to <77	C+ 77 to <80
Poor	D- 60 to <63	D 63 to <67	D+ 67 to <70
Failing		F <60	

Your grade is based on the average of the work completed. If you wonder what an item is worth, notice its possible total score; this will decide its weight. For example, a performance assessment worth 50 points weighs five times as much as a presentation worth 10 points. A one grading step deduction is usually taken off a score for every day work is turned late; this deduction particularly applies to unexcused absences and tardies. Your grade depends on sustained daily efforts since special assignments or make-up work are not offered. Items that do not meet a previously discussed level of performance need to be edited for a credit to be earned in this class. You can access your grades online at any time.

If you know that you will not be in class, contact me as soon as possible. On the day you return to school, it is your responsibility to turn in assigned work; you must also take assessments that were scheduled prior to your absences, and schedule any make-up work that was unannounced. Many assignments, such as presentations, follow an individualized schedule; missing your presentation date is equivalent to missing the grading deadline for other assignments. You need to be ready to present again at the next opportunity.

Minimal tardiness will result in a one point deduction from your participation grade; later arrivals or absences will result in more or all daily points being deducted. Every quarter, you will be allowed a certain number of points to deal with sick days.

We follow a simple rule for behavior: respect yourself and respect others. This principle seems to take care of all our concerns for relationships. You are expected to read the FAQ handout that covers most questions you may still have about my classes.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, feel free to contact me before classes, or before and after school. My school telephone number is 468-2201, extension 2204. You may call me at home at 468-3214 from 19:00 to 21:00; you can always email me at [rtetu@lopez.k12.wa.us](mailto:rtetu@lopez.k12.wa.us). Documents for my classes can be found at [richardtetu.weebly.com](http://richardtetu.weebly.com).