

# Native American Literature

## With Mrs. Bastoky

### Trimester 2 Syllabus

#### Class Expectations

1. Be respectful (in every way—verbally and non-verbally).
2. Be prepared (every day)
3. Follow all school rules (all of them)!

#### Cell phones, headphones, and electronics

We live in a world of ubiquitous personal electronics. Sometimes they are helpful in class; please ask first and comply with school rules.

- ❖ **Contact with an unapproved device during a test or quiz will be considered cheating.**
- ❖ **Don't be rude**
- ❖ **Always ask first. Always.**

#### What is reflected in your grade

Categories	% of grade
<u>Assessments</u> : Final drafts, essays, reading tests, and final	50%
<u>Skills practice</u> : vocabulary quizzes, reading quizzes, grammar and grammar quizzes, etc.	30%
<u>Work ethic</u> : worksheets, rough drafts, outlines, etc.	20%

#### Deadlines and late assignments

- ❖ Late work will be accepted without penalty until the end of each unit, and then students will need to move on in order to focus on the objectives of the next unit.
- ❖ Quizzes and Tests should be made up within one week

#### Missing Class

It is **YOUR** responsibility to find out what work you missed and any deadlines that are set. When you miss class, be sure to ask right away what you missed.

What we will learn

<b>Unit 1: Traditions (a variety of traditional writing)</b>	<b>→ Short stories, poems, and essays</b> <b>→ Literary analysis paragraph</b>
<b>Independent Book Project: Student choice of any book with a Native American author</b>	<b>→ Read a novel</b> <b>→ Critical response</b>
<b><i>Ceremony</i> by Leslie Marmon Silko</b>	<b>→ Read a novel from the Native American renaissance</b> <b>→ Write research paragraphs</b> <b>→ Write an argument essay</b>
<b><i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> by Robin Wall Kimmerer (excerpts)</b>	<b>→ Read a contemporary Native American non-fiction book</b> <b>→ Write an persuasive essay</b>
<b>Unit 2: Nature</b>	<b>→ Short stories, poems, and essays</b> <b>→ Literary analysis paragraph</b>

**→ We will also improve grammar and vocabulary throughout the trimester**

It's going to be a GREAT trimester together. I'm really looking forward to all the things we'll learn, read, and write!

I have read and understood the class requirements:

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