



## Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am looking forward to a great and exciting year in English! Your student should be prepared to encounter a year full of literature, including understanding historical context as well as the analysis that is required for higher-level writing. The following outlines specific expectations for each class:

### 9<sup>th</sup> World Literature

In this class, your student can expect to experience several different aspects of literature. From short stories to nonfiction, *The Odyssey* to *Tuesdays with Morrie*, we will look at several works while reading for analysis, identifying historical context, and discussing the presence of literary devices. Also along the way, we will work on grammar concepts, classical roots, and writing techniques.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Western Literature

In Western Literature, we will be reading and discussing a variety of different literature. We will work through short stories, poetry, and modern literature, as well as some great novels such as *Jane Eyre* and *Of Mice and Men*. As we go through the year, students can expect to work on reading analysis, understanding historical context, and identifying literary devices. Additionally, we will work through grammar concepts, classical roots, and writing techniques, including the introduction of MLA (Modern Language Association) writing format.

### 11<sup>th</sup> American Literature

This class goes through the progression of literature in American history starting with the Pre-Revolutionary Era and ending with modern literature. Your student should expect a more rigorous writing experience this year as we practice MLA, APA, and Turabian format through numerous essays. Students will also focus on developing formal, academic essays that analyze the content while understanding its importance in American history.

### 12<sup>th</sup> British Literature

This class goes through the progression of literature in British history starting with the Anglo-Saxon Era and ending with modern literature. Your student should expect a rigorous writing experience similar to last year, but to a higher level, as they will be preparing for college-level writing. They will continue to develop their knowledge of MLA, APA, and Turabian formats as well as a formal, academic writing style while working with various pieces of literature in several different eras.

### Writing and Themes

This class, as stated in the title, will be full of writing while working with several different themes in literature. Some of the texts we will be working with include *The Grapes of Wrath* as well as *The Jungle*, especially their role as muckraking novels in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Students can expect to experience rigorous yet beneficial writing while working with MLA, APA, and Turabian formats. They will end the year with a lengthy research paper that requires higher-level writing skills and various sources.

I am excited for a great year! On the back of this sheet, you will find a list of supplies for your student. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. Thank you!

*Louisa Berlin*  
Miss Berlin

List of Supplies:

- Spiral-Bound Notebook
- Red Ink Pens
- No. 2 Pencils
- Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper
- 3X5 Note Cards
- Flash drive to easily transport papers between home and school (optional)