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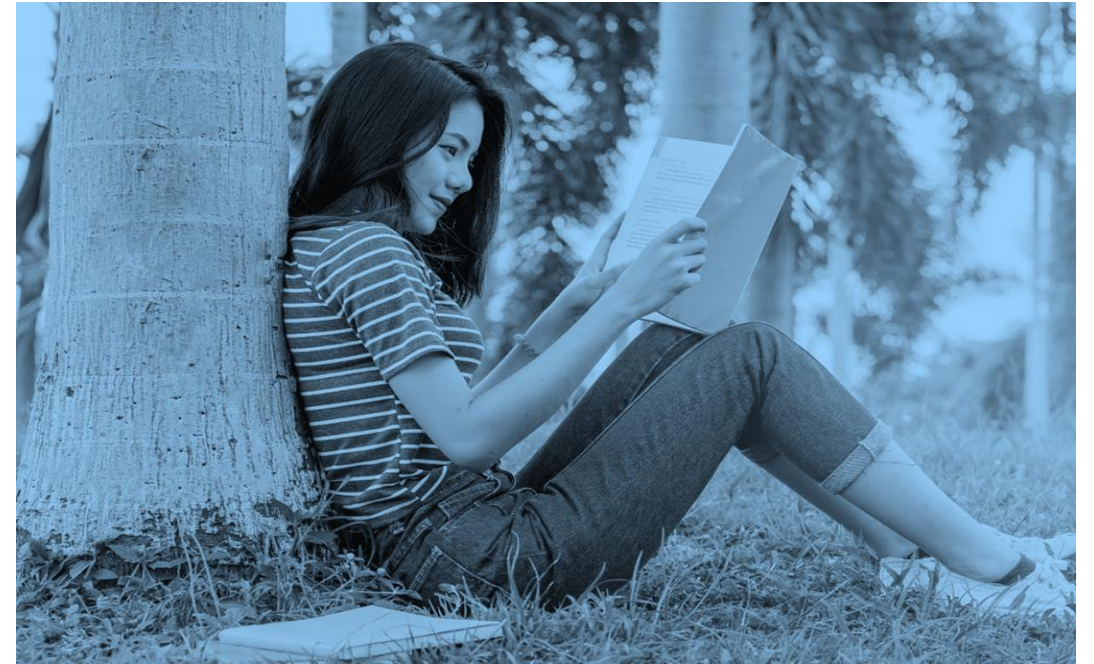
WELCOME TO AMERICAN LITERATURE

LITERATURE COURSE ORIENTATION

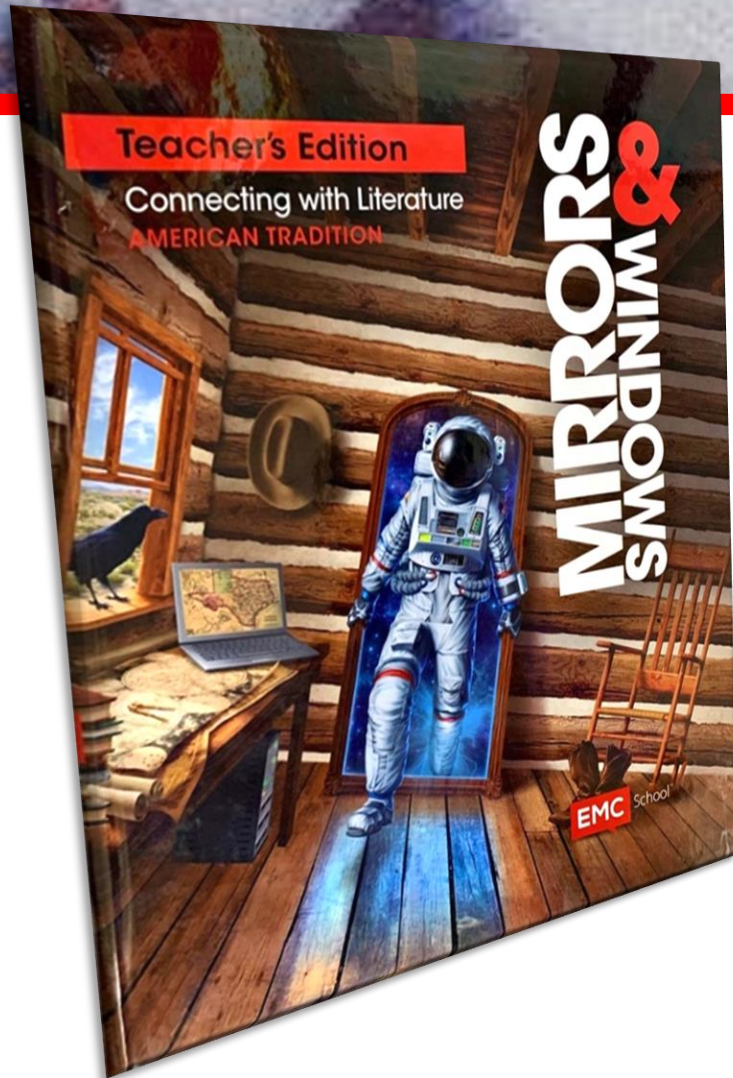
with Jim Soto

About this course...

The English course that you will be taking this year is an **American Literature** course. Although you'll be reading quite a lot, this is not a Reading course. Your reading skill should be up to level. Also, so should your knowledge of basic literature. That said, doesn't mean you won't be writing some either.

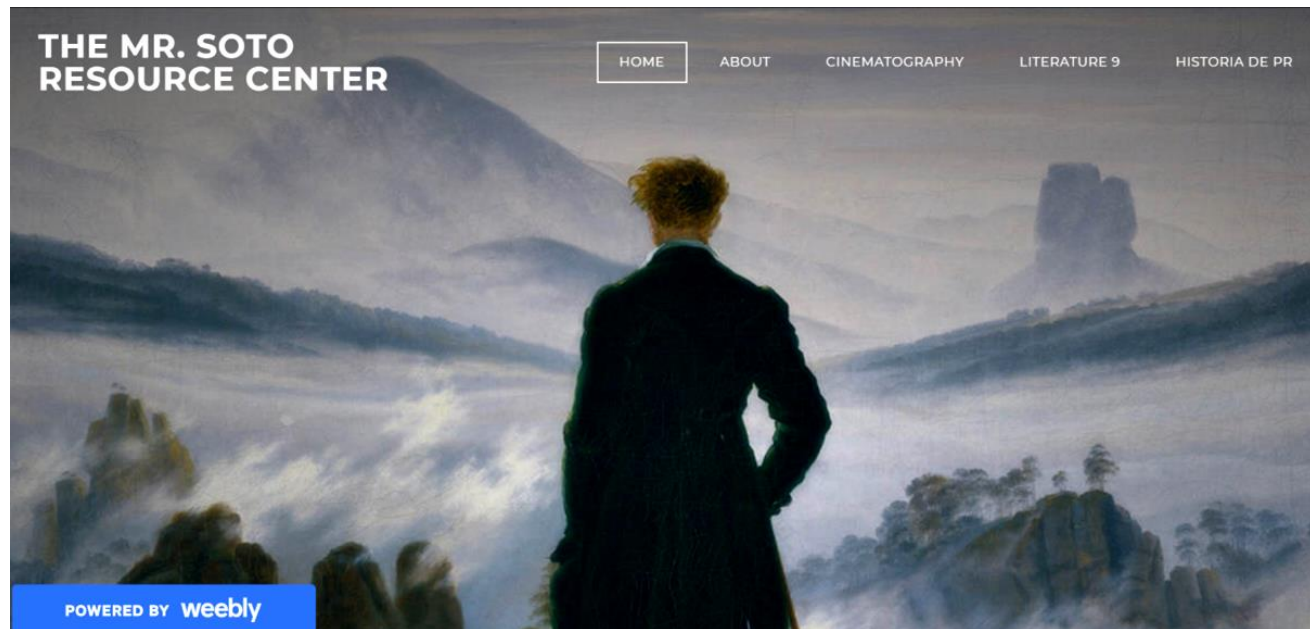


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The Goods



Many course resources such as: lessons, reviews, book lists, syllabi, protocols and rubrics can be found in my website, the Mr. Soto Resource Center at jimsoto.weebly.com.

Evaluation Criteria

Semestral Point/ Weight Layout

Instrument	points	weight
TESTS (3) x 100 pts. ea.	300 pts.	60%
DAILYWORK 100 pts. ea.	100 pts.	20%
PROJECT (1) x 100 pts. ea.	100 pts.	20%
SEMESTER TOTAL PTS.	500 pts.	100%

*(Daily work refers to timely attendance / participation / homework)

The Law of the Land

- Follow the teacher's directions immediately. Keep me happy and I'll do a better job for you!
- You must be ready to engage the class as soon as I enter the classroom. There is no time to waste in your schedule. Or mine. Even if you don't feel like it, your parents are paying for a service, and as professionals, we have to deliver.



The Law of the Land

- Attend to personal needs before class. I have been instructed not to give outdoors passes and to limit passes, so please do not ask for a pass unless you have a true emergency. I won't allow for other students requesting an audience with you to interrupt my class. Neither will I allow for you to leave the classroom to interrupt another class. Don't bother trying.
- Remain in your assigned seat unless you have a very good reason not to. I'll be the judge.



The Law of the Land

- Any utilization of cellphones is prohibited. No cellphones during class. Period. They must be out of sight as a rule of thumb. In case your parents need to contact you, due to a **REAL EMERGENCY**, they need to follow protocol by calling the school office, not you. The school will decide if it's worth interrupting the class to inform you.
- Never enter the teacher's working area without permission. People's spaces need to be respected.



The Law of the Land

- Never throw trash on the floor. NEVER. EVER. There is a waste basket. Use it. Just wait until the end of the period.
- Don't vandalize. Vandalism is idiotic and also a breach of the Code of Conduct. I've never seen anything that looks better after being scribbled, dented, stained, or broken. Would you look better if those things were done to you?
- Eating, drinking or using cell phones in the classroom is forbidden. As always.



The Law of the Land

- Bring required materials every day unless you are told otherwise. No sharing will be allowed in the classroom. EVER!
- Talk when appropriate. Be aware of the situation since quiet talking is allowed in some situations and speaking to the entire group without raising your hand may be allowed in others.
- Use polite speech and body language. Unkind teasing and impolite behavior towards ANYONE is unacceptable.



The Law of the Land

- Regarding testing, all my tests are **online tests**. The links will always be available at CO's LMS for you to access the tests. However, the tests will be taken on-site. You must have either a tablet or a laptop to take the tests. The school administration has **forbidden the use of cellphones** during testing. It is the student's responsibility to secure an approved device on the day of a test. You'll have the class's period to submit a test, unless you are entitled to an reasonable accommodation.



The Law of the Land

- Do not cheat. If you do, expect a ZERO, a referral to the Social Worker, and a phone call home. The student who shares his work for a test or an independent assignment AND the person who copies it will suffer the same consequences. Do your own work and to be sure no one can copy it.

SCANDAL

The top portion of the slide features a blurred, artistic representation of the American flag, with white stars on a blue field and red and white stripes. The text 'Short Film Project' is overlaid on this background in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

Short Film Project

The new improved manual for making the short film project is already available in my website. It will be the team leader's responsibility to begin developing the project with their teammates as soon as the teams are formed. This year's theme will be...

AD ASTRA. (To the Stars)



AD ASTRA

TELLING STORIES THAT DEAL WITH THE IMPACT OF
TAKING OUR HUMANITY TO THE STARS AND/OR HOW
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COSMOS AFFECT HUMANITY
IN THE SMALL BLUE SPHERE WE CALL HOME.



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Final Word About this Course

This course can do a lot for you. You can count on my professionalism, experience and good will to help you. However, you need to do your part in order to pass this course. Just keep in mind that the two most important skills anyone can learn at a school are reading and writing. These are the pillars of a person's education. Much of your success in life depends on your mastery of these two. The rest is secondary. In spite of all the obstacles that have been besieging us, I wish you much success in learning this year!