

**Non-Fiction**  
**2012-2013 Course Syllabus**  
**Texts (not an exhaustive list):**

*Night*

*Farewell to Manzanar*

Narrative of Frederick Douglas

Declaration of Independence

Various writings of early and contemporary Americans such as Ben Franklin and Mark Twain

**Course Description:**

This will be a non-weighted, non-honors performance based course open to all students who have passed Basic Composition and Rhetoric. Course requirements will be met through reading non-fiction literature, as well as writing non-fiction literature and various essays, and complete tests and quizzes.

**Expectations:**

During this class students will be expected to bring with them a notebook, the novel or piece of literature currently being studied, and a pen. Students are also expected to participate in daily reading and activities within the classroom.

There will be daily homework, including the weekends. There will be quizzes. Tests will follow the completion of each unit. There will also be at least four semester papers. The final exam will be cumulative.

**Grading Scale:**

The grading scale that will be used is the grading scale that has been established by the Virginia School Board and is published in the student handbook.

**Grading Components**

30% Tests

30% Homework

10% Quizzes

30% Papers

Students may not opt out of final exams.

**Topics Covered (include but not limited to):**

Non-fiction texts

Comprehension strategies for non-fiction texts

Narrative essays

Opinion pieces

Historical context of the documents

Writing style

Theme

Plot