

English IV Honors Course Syllabus

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Welcome to English IV Honors! I am looking forward to a fun and exciting semester, and I hope you are, too. In this class, you should expect to work hard and work a lot. We will be studying British Literature from various time periods and refining our writing skills as well. *Beowulf*, *Canterbury Tales* and *Macbeth* are just a few of the pieces of literature we will be reading.

Textbook: Language of Literature 12th Grade Edition, published by McDougal-Littell

Classroom Rules and Consequences:

- ❖ *Please be aware that one un-served detention results in another detention, and two un-served detentions result in a referral*
- ❖ *Failure to give up a confiscated item results in an immediate referral*
- **Remain silent when someone else is addressing the class!** Side conversations are incredibly disrespectful to both the speaker and to other students and inhibit a student's right to learn.
- **Keep cell phones off and out of sight.** This is a county policy and is also a major distraction.
- **Stay seated until the teacher dismisses you.** The only reason you should be out of your seat is when instructed to do so by the teacher or if you need to use the restroom. Getting up for any other reason becomes an irritation.
- **Keep all food and drinks outside of the classroom (except for water).** Please contribute to a pest-free learning environment by keeping all of your snacks in your bags

Classroom Procedures:

Absences – Daily assignments will be listed on the class website at

<http://www.monarchknights.com/teachers/shartrand.html>. It is the student's responsibility to make up any work missed due to an excused absence within two school day's time.

Class Work – All individual class work is worth 20% of the final grade. Remember, this work should be done *individually* and any instances of copying or cheating will result in a zero for that assignment. Assume all work is individual work unless I specifically state otherwise.

Group Work - Throughout this class, we will complete many group activities that will reinforce class material. Your participation in these activities will be recorded for a grade.

Participation – Aside from participation in group work, students will also have an opportunity to share their answers to the vocabulary warm-up. Students are also expected to be engaged in all class activities. A weekly participation grade will be given based on each student's participation in class, worth a total of 10% of the final grade.

Silent Reading – Every Friday students will spend at least twenty minutes of class time reading a book of their choice. During silent reading time, the student must be reading silently, and will receive a grade based on whether or not he or she is doing so. The student is responsible for bringing a book of his or her choice to class to read. After silent reading time is over, students will then write a reflection in their reading notebooks.

Tests– Frequent tests will be given on the material covered. If a student is absent for a test or quiz, a separate essay version of a make-up test will be taken after school on an appointed date within a week of the original test date.

Vocabulary Quizzes – Every day students have the first ten minutes of class to complete the vocabulary warm – up which will involve two vocabulary words. Each evening, students will look up the definitions

of an additional two vocabulary words on their own for homework. Each Friday, we will have a quiz on these vocabulary words. These quizzes are worth 10% of the final grade

Writing – We will often be writing essays that will reflect and demonstrate comprehension of and reactions to the literature.

Grading Policy:

Category	Class Work	Group Work	Participation	Silent Reading	Tests	Vocabulary Quizzes	Writing
% of total grade	20	5	10	10	30	10	15

Academic Dishonesty:

Under NO circumstances are you to copy someone else’s work and use it as your own! This includes and is not limited to copying from the Internet, your neighbor, a book, etc. This rule also applies to plagiarizing. If you are caught plagiarizing, copying, or cheating in any way, you will automatically receive a zero and a detention. Please properly cite sources.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!