

ENGLISH IV

Syllabus

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Welcome to English IV! We are looking forward to a fun and exciting semester and hope you are, too. Throughout this class we will be analyzing pieces from different genres in British literature including: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama, as well as writing creatively and formally.

Classroom Rules and Guidelines:

Respect everyone. This applies to everyone inside and outside the class. Treat everyone with respect and courtesy.

Participate. Yes it is a part of your grade, but at the same time you should participate to learn, not just to get a grade. Also, you'll probably be bored if you don't participate.

Cell phones on silent and away. Cell phones cannot be used on campus during school hours. *NOT EVEN BETWEEN CLASSES!* If I see one, I have to take it.

Watch your language. I don't want to hear it. If I do, it's a detention. Enough said.

Food and drink kept outside. In order to keep our room clean and ant-free, all food and drink, with the exception of water, should be kept out of the classroom.

Do your best. This should be followed at all times. Trying your best will result in the best grades and a sense of pride in your work. Remember if at first you don't succeed, try again.

Classroom Procedures:

Absences – Daily assignments will be listed on the class website. It is the student's responsibility to make up any work missed due to an excused absence within two days time.

Late Work: Each day an assignment is late it loses a letter grade. Late work will not be accepted after a week, even if the absence is excused. Unexcused absences will enter the grade book as a zero until absence is excused.

Class Work: All class work is to be done *individually* and any instance of copying or cheating will result in a zero for the assignment. Assume all work is individual unless I tell you otherwise.

Group Work: Throughout this class, you will complete many group activities that will reinforce class material. Your participation will be recorded for a grade.

Participation: Students are expected to engage in all class activities. A weekly participation grade will be given based on each student's participation in class.

What does Participation look like?

Sitting up in your chair

Backpack on floor underneath desk

No headphones in your ears.

Taking notes/ doing work

Tests: Frequent tests will be given after each unit. If a student is absent for a quiz/ test, a separate essay version will be given as a make-up. The make-up can be

taken after school on an appointed date within a week of the original test date.

Vocabulary Quizzes: On a weekly basis, students will be given vocabulary words for which they are responsible for knowing. They will be tested on these every week. These tests are cumulative.

Writing: Writing is a big part of Literary Studies. You will be writing both creatively and for the purpose of analyzing the works we will be reading.

Classroom Management:

Throughout the semester we will be using a system known as CHAMPs. CHAMPs is an acronym that will help you, as students, know what you are supposed to be doing.

CHAMPs stands for:

C – Conversation.

Can I talk? If so how loud can I be? What can I talk about?

H – Help

How can I get help if I need it?

A – Activity

What are we doing?

M – Movement

Can I get out of my seat? Do I need permission?

P – Participation

What does participation look like? What does it not look like?

S – Signal

What is the teacher’s signal to get my attention?

Grade Scale:

Class Work	Group Work	Participation	Tests	Vocabulary	Writing
15%	10%	10%	30%	10%	25%