English IV Honors Ms. Sanders British Literature

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HOT Lunch Tutorials: Monday A and Thursday B Office Hours: Wednesday 2:30-3:30

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**Course Description:**

This course is a survey of British literature from the Anglo-Saxon period to the Twentieth Century. Students will engage in critical listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities designed to integrate the strands of the language arts and further develop thinking and problem solving abilities. This course fulfills the requirements needed for post-secondary education including college preparation and NC Standard Course of Study.

**Text List:**

* *Beowulf*
* *Grendel*
* *Tales from Arthurian Legend*
* *1984* George Orwell
* *Brave New World* Aldous Huxley
* *Othello* William Shakespeare
* *Macbeth* William Shakespeare
* *Lord of the Flies* William Golding
* *Streetcar Named Desire,* Tennessee Williams
* Selections from Elements of Literature by Holt
* Others

(Note: this list may change as the course progresses)

**Grading Scale**:

* 15% homework
* 35% quizzes and classwork
* 50% tests, papers, etc

Homework will include reading and vocabulary study, with occasional projects, papers, etc, often with multiple assignments a night. You can expect to be reading at least 20 pages a night. It is CRUCIAL that you keep up with your homework. You cannot pass my class without reading the literature we will study together. If you don’t complete homework **on time**, points will be deducted according to the Holly Springs policy.

DO NOT RELY ON SPARK NOTES.

**Ongoing assignments**

In our class, we will have a few assignments that are ongoing. You will receive a calendar with due dates for these assignments and quizzes.

* **Vocabulary**: This year you will be in charge of your own vocabulary learning. Rather than giving you a list of words, you will be creating a vocabulary journal where you record new words that you come across in your reading and everyday life. These journals will constitute your vocabulary quizzes this year.
* **Grammar**: This year you will be focusing on more individualized lessons in grammar by using the site Noredink.com. Please go to the site and use the code for your class to join.
  + **Block 1**: 88vekfev
  + **Block 3**: cxw3c7ed
* **Nonfiction blogs**:You will be creating your own blog this semester using the site weebly.com. We will create these blogs in class, but please go to your app store and download the app.

**Senior Exemptions:**

This semester, the students will be required to take the NC Final Exam for English IV. Therefore, there are no senior exemptions for English IV this semester.

**Plagiarism Policy**

Cheating and academic misconduct WILL NOT be tolerated at HSHS. Any student caught cheating on any assignment will be able to re-do an alternate assignment. He/she will also be referred to the appropriate administrator for consequences as outlined in the discipline policy. All students will be held accountable to follow the guidelines/expectations as stated in the HSHS Honor Code.

**Expectations**

1. Raise your hand and wait to be recognized—only one person speaks at a time.
2. Stay in your assigned seat and do not move unless given express permission from me.
3. Be on time and bring your supplies every day.
4. No food, drinks, or electronic devices in the classroom, unless used for school purposes.
5. Be respectful; no profanity, taunting, or insults, even if you are joking!
6. REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE BELL RINGS AND I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO LEAVE. This is non-negotiable.

**Cellphone Policy**

We will often use cellphones for class purposes. However, it should be on silent and put away when we are not using it. I will first tell you to put it away; if it becomes a continuous issue, I will take it and send it to the office. Don’t let it become an issue and it won’t be one.

**Supplies**

* Three ring binder with dividers
* Loose leaf paper
* Blue or black pens
* Sticky pads (post-its)
* High lighters
* Markers/Colored pencils (as needed)
* Poster board (as needed)
* Most of the books will be available in class. If a student would like to have his/her own copy to make notes in or read at home, the student will want to consider purchasing the novels on their own.
* All major writing assignments will have to be typed, double-spaced, in 12 pt Times New Roman font, with 1” margins (standard).

**Benchmark Assessments Fall 2016**

**September 26:** Benchmark Assessment #1

**October 24**: Benchmark Assessment #2 (Midterm)

**December 5:** Benchmark Assessment #3

**January 18-24:** Final Exams (NC Final)

**Tardy/Absentee Policy**

The Holly Springs High School tardy policy and make up work policy will be followed in this course. If you are absent from this class, it is your responsibility to obtain any work you missed. I will not hunt you down to make sure you are keeping up. This is your responsibility.

* **You must attach a late work form to all late assignments.** 
  1. **Only late work forms on major assignments must be signed by a parent.**
* **Make up work: You must attach a make up work form to any assignments (other than major assignments) that were due on a day when you were not here.** 
  1. **All major assignments are due, even if you are absent. It is up to you to figure out a way to get your assignment to me.**
  2. **Forms can be found in the classroom or on the class’s Resources page.**
  3. **Put all late work, no matter the reason, in the appropriate folder in the box on my desk. I will grade them as soon as I am able.**
* Field Trips: You must notify me in advance of any field trip that causes you to miss my class. You must hand in all work due on the day of your field trip before school that day. Any missed quizzes or exams must be made up on your own time.