


English IV Syllabus

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TEXTBOOKS:

 *British Literature* by Holt McDougal Literature, available for check out or online use

OVERVIEW:

The primary goal of the English IV Advanced Course is to develop the skills necessary for students to write and read effectively in their college courses and across the curriculum. This course will provide you with an in-depth study of British Literature. Written assignments, both short and long-term, will play a significant role in the course. Students are expected to read critically, think analytically and write clearly.

RULES:

- Be prompt.
- Be prepared.
- Be positive.
- Be productive.
- Be respectful.

All students are expected to follow the Travis High School and FBISD rules and regulations.

GRADES:

Major Grades 50%: Tests will measure the student's knowledge of the material covered in class separated into units. Writing assignments range from responding to a question previously discussed in class, the reader's preference of the selected reading assignment, and simple types of essays preparing the student for state mandated and college entrance exams.

Daily Grades 50%: Grammar activities, vocabulary work, class participation, and group work are daily grades. Journals will be used to take notes, learn new vocabulary, review grammar and complete in-class writing assignments.

LATE WORK POLICY:

- 1 day late = -15 from graded work
- 2 days late = -30 from graded work
- Beyond that – teacher discretion

MAKE-UP WORK POLICY:

When the student is absent from class for any reason, *it is his/her responsibility to catch up with the work.* Make-up work is due no later than two class period days after the absence. **Due dates established PRIOR TO THE ABSENCE OF THE STUDENT still stand and on the return of the absent student if on the day due, will still need to submit the assignment upon their return.** Students should check the lesson plans on the website and ask for handouts, if given. If the student knows of an extended absence prior to the absence, I will be happy to prepare the student for the missed work.


TUTORING:

Tuesdays and Thursdays–Before School 6:45-7:15 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays– After School 2:50-3:20 p.m.


I understand we all have busy schedules, and I am more than happy to work with you. Should this time not work, meet with me to schedule a time. Please arrange transportation.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

 Pencil and pen

 **JOURNAL TO LEAVE IN CLASS!**

 **Paper/notebook to keep notes in (other than the journal)**

 We will be reading *The Kite Runner* for the 1st term. Please obtain a copy of the novel AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you would like your own personal copy to annotate. Class books are available but limited. Online versions of the novel will be accepted as well, however, they will not be allowed for use on tests/quizzes.

CHEATING/COPYING/PLAGIARIZING:

If a student is found cheating, copying, or plagiarizing, the student will receive an **automatic 0** as well as the cooperating student(s). **This is a NON-NEGOTABLE at THS.** Essays written outside of class will be submitted to turnitin.com. **Students will place cell phones with the teacher during tests/quizzes.**

REMINDE 101:

Please text the following to 81010 (including the @ symbol): @gfd3e7