

I. Course Description

Twelfth grade English Language arts is the study of British literature and informational texts. Students will read fiction, nonfiction, poetry and drama. In addition, students will continue to develop and use vocabulary and grammar skills. English IV students are expected to produce coherent and well organized writing using the writing process.

II. Instructional Philosophy

To meet the needs and abilities of all students, classroom activities will include teacher-lead, student-led, small group, individual instruction. Current events, student interests, real-world experiences, music and technology will be used regularly in order to enhance student's engagement and support instruction and learning. Full participation, high quality work, and assignment completion are required.

III. Central Objectives

The students will be able to:

- Read and comprehend a variety of literary and informational texts in print and non-print formats.
- Use word analysis and vocabulary strategies to read fluently.
- Create written work that has a clear focus, sufficient detail, coherent organization, effective use of voice, and the correct use of the conventions.
- Write for a variety of purposes and audiences.

IV. General Expectations

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory and critical in the student's ability to achieve the course's central objectives. Students are expected to be on time every day for class. If absent, please see me during lunch or before school to get missing assignments.

Textbook and Materials: Students are expected to have a composition book and paper, pens, and pencils. Students will be provided readings from a variety of resources, main resource is McDougal Littell *British Literature* Textbook.

In Class: Cell phone use is NOT ALLOWED in class. If a student is caught using a cell phone the phone will be taken away from the student. The student can pick up the phone from me at the end of class. Headphone use is not allowed either.

Participation/Behavior: Students are expected to participate every day during class. This includes but is not limited to casual and formal discussions, individual, and group work.

V. Writing Expectations

Students will maintain a writing portfolio throughout the semester.

VI. Grading

Students will be graded according to the Milby Grading Standards

- Classwork 45%
- Test 30%
- Quizzes 15%
- Homework 10%

VII. Plagiarism/Cheating

Academic dishonesty in any form is not tolerated. Any student involved in cheating or plagiarism will receive a 0 for the assignment and be reported to the administration.