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Room 136

Conference time - 5th Block

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English IV Honors – Syllabus

Course Description

English IV strengthens students' reading, writing, and oral communication skills. They will study and analyze some works of British literature and World Literature, including poetry, drama, fiction, and non-fiction. They will be reading complete works of literature outside of class. In addition, they will focus on the writing process and essay composition of expository, narrative, and literary texts. Emphasis will be on the planning and writing of an argumentative research paper. Revising and editing will be a part of the written conventions, including punctuation, spelling, grammatical structure, and vocabulary studies. Students will speak clearly and listen attentively using the proper and correct English language. Self-motivation is the leading quality needed to do well in this class. It will be.

Remind:

You can find the code for Remind on the class banner in Google Classroom. Remind is the best way to communicate with me. Double-check and see if you are on it.

Textbooks

You can check out a textbook. Let me know. These are the property of **Sharyland ISD**, and for your use; please respect them. **DO NOT** write in or on these books. Anyone caught defacing a book will be written up and face the appropriate consequences. We will have a set of textbooks for your use in class.

Online textbook: **EMC Mirrors and Windows: British Tradition**

- Login to the school website using Chrome (www.sharylandisd.org).
- Go to the red banner that says “Academia” and click on it.
- Scroll down to where it says “EMC Passport (clever login)” and click on it.
- Log in using your student credentials.
- Scroll down until you find the CL Passport in a black circle, and click on it.
- Look at the upper right-hand side of the page for the “resources” tab. Click on the resource tab, scroll down to the second row, and look at the first book that says “Student Edition.”

If your textbook record is not cleared, this could affect your graduation – your diploma and transcript will be placed on hold until the record is cleared. Your success depends on the use of your book and the required work.

Required Outside Reading Assignments:

Lord of the Flies

Reader's Choice: *Animal Farm*, 1984, *Brave New World*

Classroom Expectations

- All rules in the SISD Student Handbook, such as dress code, absences, cell phone violations, air pods, and other restrictions, are applied. Anyone caught breaking the rules will pay the consequences.
- Ensure your device is fully charged or has the power cord on hand. **Cell phones are not considered class devices nor permitted to be used. Place your cell phone in the wall pocket when you get to class.**
- Listening to music is NOT permitted in class. Air pods/buds should not be visible. Put them away. They will be confiscated if seen.
- Get to class on time and be prepared to begin work as soon as the bell rings.
- Bring the necessary materials to class every day.
- Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times. Think before!
- Dress appropriately. If in doubt, ask. Changes to the dress code are in effect!
- I dismiss the class and not the bell.
- As per district policy, there is no re-testing for anyone failing a test. Late major assignments will have 15 points deducted daily for two days. After that, the assignment will not be accepted.
- No late minor work. Let's not get to this point.
- Make sure you take care of absences. Know the policy because this affects your grade, credit, and graduation.
- If you are absent, let me know.

Required Materials

1. Textbook- either online or in print.
2. Your Chromebook or laptop. (preferably not your phone).
3. Wide-ruled paper and a folder with a pen and pencil at all times.

Grading System

1. Class assignments, homework, quizzes, and any other assignments the teacher considers daily work will count **40%**.
2. Tests, group assignments, outside reading, and other assignments the teacher considers major will count **60%**.
3. Assignments not turned in or an unexcused absence will count as a zero.
4. Your research paper will be **three major grades** during the semester. You must do your best to complete this assignment and all the requirements that go with the paper before the final paper is due. The final paper must be **submitted on time**.

Dropping an Honors Class

- If a student is failing at any reporting period, the teacher is required to contact the parent/guardian.
- On or before the end of the first reporting period of each semester, the student may submit a request to drop/change the course selection provided there is room in another class and with teacher and parent permission.
- After the first reporting period, no other student-initiated change in the course selection will be made until the end of the semester.
- The cumulative average will transfer to the next lower-level course upon exiting an Honors course.

Tutoring

My tutoring schedule is Tuesdays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. I am available for tutoring by arrangement. I am usually here by 7:30 a.m. and leave late in the afternoon. If needed, I can adjust my schedule to meet earlier.

Semester Exam Exemption Policy

The high school exemption policy will be as follows:

- High School students may qualify for an exemption in ANY course by receiving a 90 average or better AND no more than two excused absences AND no more than two tardies. Fourth block -four excused absences AND no more than two tardies.
- An 85 or better AND no more than one excused absence AND no more than two tardies. Fourth block- two excused absences AND no more than four tardies.
- The only absences that do not affect exemptions are school-sponsored activities and ISS. ALL other absences count against the exemption.

- Students must be present during semester exams, regardless of their exemption status.
- If a student is absent during a semester exam, the exemption will be waived and is no longer valid. If a student is absent during an exam, the teacher will enter an Incomplete or “I” for the student’s final grade.
- The student will receive one opportunity to take a semester exam upon returning.
- Qualification for exemption will be determined from current Skyward data.

Statement for Academic Dishonesty

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of our school. *No student shall cheat or copy the work of another. Plagiarism, the use of another person’s original ideas or writings as one’s own without crediting the true author, will be considered cheating, and the student will be subject to academic discipline that may include credit loss for the work in question.*