

BRITISH LITERATURE - COLLEGE PREP

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed for the college preparatory student with average to above average reading skills. It surveys selections from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present. It also surveys the literary terms that accompany each period, as well as the literary concepts dominant in that period. Students read one Shakespearean play. In addition, this course stresses both formal and informal writing, with emphasis on the limited response essay as well as the five-paragraph essay. Grammatical and mechanical problems are reviewed, particularly in the context of writing. Vocabulary is taken from the literary sections as well as from the vocabulary book, which follows both the SAT and the ACT formats. Students review MLA style and write a number of cited essays and a major literary research paper. A summer reading assignment is also required.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS GIVEN IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN THIS CLASS, SO PLEASE READ ALL OF THIS MATERIAL CAREFULLY AND REFER TO IT WHENEVER NECESSARY.

TEXTBOOKS:

Elements of Literature of Britain
Holt Elements of Language 6th Course
Vocabulary Workshop G
MLA Handbook (6th Edition only)

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- A. all texts for this course (as listed above). These books **are due at the time that we cover this material in class.**
- B. a small three-ring binder for class notes large enough to have 4 to 5 sections.
- C. some loose-leaf paper in this binder for taking quizzes or for class work. **PAPER TORN FROM A SPIRAL-BOUND NOTEBOOK IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. ALL EDGES OF THE PAPER MUST BE CLEAN.**
- D. page protectors. **All handouts will be placed in these page protectors.**
- E. pens, black or blue, for taking tests and vocabulary quizzes, and writing compositions. **ANYTHING DONE IN RED INK IS UNACCEPTABLE. DO HOMEWORK IN INK UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.**
- F. #2 pencils for all scantron tests. All quizzes except for vocabulary may be done in pencil.

GRADING:

Your grade will be determined by an accumulation of points from each of the following:

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| A. major tests | E. compositions and in-class writing assignments |
| B. vocabulary exercises/ vocabulary quizzes | F. major projects (Research paper) |
| C. written homework assignments | G. group projects |
| D. pop quizzes on homework assignments . | H. bonus work |

There will be a **Abonus assignment**@ given each quarter which you may take advantage of if you wish. I will let you know the requirements for this assignment each quarter. If you meet the requirements for this assignment, the points that you receive will be added to your quarter points.

HONOR CODE: All students in this class are expected to maintain the Honor Code listed in the *Student/Parent Handbook*. Please refer to this if there is any doubt about an action that may call your honor into question.

ABSENCES AND WORK MISSED:

You are responsible for anything that you miss during an absence from class including, but not limited to, tests, quizzes, homework assignments, deadlines for projects, and compositions. If you are absent, you are expected to do one of the following so that you do not lose these homework points:

- a) check my faculty page on the jcchs.org website under assignments
- b) call a classmate (that is why you have your contact sheet)
- c) or to email me to find out what work you have missed
- d) or to see me before school on the day that you return. **SENIORS, PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE ABOUT THIS**

REQUIREMENT. Come to see me before you go to first period if English is not your first period class.

POLICY FOR MAKEUP TESTS:

If you are absent on the day of a test or the day before the test is given, and **if your absence is excused**, you are required to take the makeup test within two days (**SEE THE STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR THIS POLICY ON MAKEUP WORK**). **THIS MEANS THAT YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO STAY AFTER SCHOOL OR DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO TAKE THIS MAKEUP TEST ON TIME.** If your absence is an extended one, you will make up your test according to the policy in the Handbook regarding extended absences. If you know about your absence beforehand, (for example, a school-related absence or a college day), you are required to take the test before you leave.

REGARDLESS OF THE LENGTH OF YOUR ABSENCE, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE ME ON THE DAY THAT YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL. SEE ME EARLY IN THE DAY! DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE CLASS MEETS TO SEE ME. **YOU MAY NEVER TAKE A MAKEUP TEST DURING CLASS.** If you don't make arrangements to take this test, or if you just "forget," you will not be allowed to take the test. **BE RESPONSIBLE ABOUT THIS!!!!**

CHECK-INS AND CHECKOUTS ON TEST DAYS OR QUIZ DAYS:

If a test is scheduled and you miss it because you check in after the class has met, **find me as soon as possible!!!!** If you do not, I must assume that you are avoiding taking this test. If you are checking out on a test day and you will miss the test, **CHECK WITH ME BEFORE YOU LEAVE.** If you know ahead of time that you will have to check out early on a test day and you will miss the test, let me know and I will arrange for you to take the test early, if possible. **All assignments due on the day you check out must be turned in prior to dismissal for credit. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SANITY AND THE SAKE OF YOUR GRADE, PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE ABOUT THIS!!!**

TARDIES:

Please make every effort to be on time for class. Tardy will be defined as being outside of this classroom when the bell begins to make a sound. If you are tardy for an acceptable reason (another teacher detains you, you are called to the office, etc.), you must bring a signed note with the time you left written on it. Please keep these kinds of tardies to a minimum (i.e., don't get help with academic problems between classes). **YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE FREE TARDY@ a QUARTER.** Once you have used your free tardy, you will serve an after school detention. If your tardiness becomes an habitual thing, then you will be placed in the discipline system with the Dean of Students.

MY ABSENCE:

In the event that it becomes necessary for me to miss class, you are expected to follow all normal class policies (i.e., SIT IN YOUR ASSIGNED SEAT, ETC.) and do the work which I send to the substitute teacher. **WORK NOT COMPLETED DURING CLASS TIME BECOMES AUTOMATIC HOMEWORK FOR THAT NIGHT. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

HELP SESSIONS:

HELP SESSIONS FOR THIS CLASS WILL BE ON ANNOUNCED AFTERNOONS OR BY APPOINTMENT. IF YOU NEED HELP, SEE ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND, IF NECESSARY, WE WILL MEET WITH YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR TO SEE IF PEER TUTORING CAN BE ARRANGED

FINALLY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY:

If you are having a problem with anything in this class or if there is anything that I can help you with (it doesn't necessarily have to be related to this class), please see me. I want you to be successful in this class; however, your grade does not, **NOR WILL IT EVER,** determine my personal feelings for you. I expect you to do the best that you can **and to be an honorable student.** That is all that anyone can ask of you.

GOOD LUCK CLASS OF >11. HAVE A GREAT AND PRODUCTIVE SENIOR YEAR!