

English 12 Syllabus

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Welcome to twelfth grade English! I am excited about the opportunity to get to know you and I am looking forward to a happy and productive school year with each student putting forth their best effort.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will build a solid foundation of knowledge, skills, and strategies that will be refined, applied, and extended as students engage in more complex ideas, texts, and tasks. Students will be introduced to various genres of classical and contemporary narrative and informational texts, while developing and enhancing their grammar and writing skills. This course is designed to develop the student's communication skills that will be needed for college and the work place.

TEXTBOOK: *British Literature* by Holt McDougal

Novels: *Utopia* by Sir Thomas More

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

1984 by George Orwell

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

As 12th graders, I expect adult behavior. Making responsible choices is required in life and certainly in this class.

I expect you to bring required materials and supplies to class each day.

I expect assignments to be completed on time and I expect high quality in your efforts.

I expect courtesy when I am lecturing and I expect all students to be respectful to each other and to me.

I expect all students to attend class and to arrive on time, fully prepared.

I expect your full effort in all endeavors.

What you can expect from me:

You obviously have a goal for the year and I am prepared to help you reach the goal of graduation by providing required instruction, communication skills, as well as college readiness instruction to prepare you for your future.

If you need additional help I will be available during my planning period, as well as before and after school. Be sure to let me know, so I can be sure to be in my classroom during those times.

I will treat you fairly, respectfully and will teach you the skills required to be successful in the English/Language Arts curriculum and in your future communication requirements.

HOMEWORK

Students will occasionally have homework. I try to have much of the work completed in class. If the student does have homework each student is responsible for turning in his or her homework in on time. If the homework is late the assignment will only be given half the points. If the assignment is not turned in a week after the due date then the assignment becomes a zero.

Evaluation

Student work will be graded on a point scale. Larger assignments (tests, projects, etc.) will be given a higher point value than daily work or homework.

Make-up Work

Students are responsible for getting their make-up work when they return from an excused absence. Students have three days from the day they return to school from an EXCUSED absence to get all missed assignments. Failure to turn in make-up work within the three day period will result in zeroes for those grades. Unexcused absences will automatically receive zeroes. I do not accept late work.

Academic Honesty

When you complete an assignment, your ideas are being graded. If you use another person's work or ideas, you must give credit where credit is due, usually by using MLA or APA style documentation. If you use others' ideas without giving credit, it is considered cheating or plagiarism. It is a serious offense. The consequences for plagiarism and cheating are loss of credit for the assignment, and further consequences at the administrator's discretion.

Grading Scale:

100-96 A 95-92 A- 91-89 B+ 88-86 B 85-83 B- 82-80 C+ 79-77 C

76-74 C- 73-71 D+ 70-68 D 67-65 D- 64-below F

Supplies:

- Textbook
- Notebook
- Folder
- Pencils
- Blue or black pens
- Highlighter