

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

English IV

Mrs. Worby

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Description:

Students will read a variety of literature with a strong emphasis on British Literature. Students can expect to give oral presentations. Students will practice various forms of writing to improve critical thinking skills. The main focus will be on a personal essay, utilizing senior vocabulary. Grammar and vocabulary will be regular aspects of the class to strengthen writing skills. Students will also complete a senior project during first semester, which has a focus on preparing for college and on career development. This will be a major part of their semester grade.

Prerequisites: English III or English III Honors..

Course Objectives:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to: successfully write fluid and cohesive papers, analyze and comprehend reading passages, debate topics, and research and present information to groups, write for college level assignments, and prepare a resume.

Required Class Materials:

3 Ring Binder
Loose Leaf Paper
Pens/Pencils
Dividers
One Subject Notebook

Text:

Macbeth, Twilight, Tears of a Tiger, Short Stories

Course Outline:

We will be reading a variety of books and other kinds of literature this year including: Twilight, Tears of the Tiger, Macbeth, and more. This course will have an emphasis not only on literature but on writing as well. We will be writing papers, completing projects, and doing group work. In addition to this, we will be doing a unit preparing you for college work, which will fulfill the requirement to complete a senior project. I like to have a wide variety of activities, so be ready for anything! I will be explaining procedures and what we will do on a day-to-day basis as we get our feet on the ground for this school year.

Major Assignments:

Senior Project (completed by end of 1st semester), novel analysis papers (throughout entire year), research and group projects (throughout entire year).

Grading:

A+ 98-100
A 94-97
A- 92-93
B+ 90-91
B 87-89
B- 85-86
C+ 83-84
C 79-82
C- 77-78
D+ 75-76
D 72-74
D- 70-71
F 0-69

Class Policies & Procedures: (Include class policies and procedures i.e. lab make-ups, special requirements etc.)

Classroom Rules:

1. BE RESPECTFUL: Respect yourself, your peers and your instructor. Respecting yourself means never cutting corners and working hard to better yourself. Respecting your peers and instructor helps to create a learning environment that is safe and fun to work in.
2. BE PREPARED: Being prepared and on time allows all students to get started with minimal distractions. There is a lot of material being covered in this class and good time management will be essential for completing daily classwork and projects. There is also a lot of reading that will need to be done, completing the assigned reading on time is necessary to complete in class work and participate in discussions.
3. BE POSITIVE: Remembering to stay positive in all situations will help to foster a creative learning environment and help everyone get along. Each person has their own opinions and ideas and while you don't have to agree every time with everyone staying positive will allow for better understanding of each individuals point of view.
4. Follow all school rules: All of the rules in the student handbooks will be followed. No exceptions

Classroom Policies:

The policies for this course regarding late work, tardies, plagiarism, etc. are consistent with those in the student handbooks.

If you fail to see me on the day you return from a prearranged absence your work will be considered late.

Miscellaneous:

There is quite a bit of reading in this course and having each reading assignment done and on time is very necessary in order to do well in daily quizzes, class discussions and activities.

Because there is a significant load of writing in this course academic honesty is very important. Students who plagiarize will be given an automatic 0 on that assignment.

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11:20-1:25 A Days; 9:50-11:15 B Days