

English 12- British and Western Lit

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You will need a notebook for journaling and a small notebook for vocabulary

“A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say.”

-Italo Calvino

Overview:

This class will primarily review British literature from its written beginning to contemporary works. We will study Western literary movements in chronological order to help understand the trajectory of Western literature. Through this we will be able to understand how one literary period spawns another and how artists reject and morph out of the movement before them.

Units (subject to change and additions!)

Beowulf

The Iliad- Homer

MacBeth- William Shakespeare

Romanticism

Modern poetry

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest- Ken Kesey

The Beats

Objectives:

Students will acquire and use new vocabulary related to the SAT test.

Students will effectively write persuasive synthesis essays using textual evidence and proper citation.

Students will effectively write literary analysis essays using textual evidence and proper citation.

Students will understand how literary and artistic movements influence subsequent movements.

Students will have a broad overview of the history of Western literature.

Grading:

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-69 D
- 0-59 F

Most assignments will be 5-20 points while larger projects such as essays and summative tests will be 50-100 points.

Classroom Expectations:

Cell phones

Cell phones are not permitted in class (whether this is inside or out). Your first offense will result in losing your phone for the class period. The second offense will result in losing your phone until the end of the school day. If there continues to be a problem it will result in detention and/or a phone call home. DO NOT remove your phone from its safe keeping until the teacher gives you permission.

Bathroom

Please do not use the bathroom unless it's an emergency. If it becomes a problem there will be a limited number of bathroom trips per student.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted with an excused absence for half credit until the end of a unit. After the unit is over no late work will be accepted.

Tardies

If you are not in your seat (or assigned location) when the bell rings it's considered a tardy. After the second tardy you will owe the teacher time to makeup the time you miss. If it continues to be a problem tardies will affect your grade.

Respect

This classroom is a safe space for all people. You are expected to treat everyone with respect (even towards those not present in the classroom). Words and attitudes that are not respectful will not be tolerated and could result in ejection from the classroom and/or a phone call home.

Please return this with a signature from a parent/guardian for your first assignment worth 5 points

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

