



British Literature

ENGLISH IV

GRENEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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This English Language Arts course is designed to develop students' breadth of knowledge and depth of understanding. Students will master the English language through reading, writing, speaking, and vocabulary acquisition. While many kinds of writing will be explored, the ultimate objective of the communication strand is the writing of persuasive literary analysis. Thus students emerge from the course with intellects both versatile and comprehensive.

In English IV, students proceed chronologically through major periods of British literature. However, since the ideas that comprise British literature transcend common historical boundaries, students will continually find themselves integrating their latest readings with previously discovered content. Students will gain exposure and experience reading, interpreting, and analyzing fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Within each unit, students will gain familiarity with a host of noteworthy authors and an assortment of short works/excerpts for a range of reading abilities. The second halves of most quarters are reserved for a prolonged study of an unabridged work of fiction, nonfiction, or drama.

Expectations & Consequences

My expectations for class are simple:

- o **Be Responsible**
- o **Be Respectful**
- o **Be Ready**

As a class, we will explore how you can apply these three expectations to your behavior in the classroom. However, a few specific things:

- o If you are not in the room headed toward your desk when the bell rings, you will be marked tardy.
- o You must have a pen/pencil/writing utensil, notebook, and necessary textbook/reading material in order to be counted as present (unless told otherwise by Mr. K).
- o If you are absent, it is **YOUR responsibility** to get assignments and notes. Assignments will be posted on the calendar by Mr. K's door, and all hard copy handouts will be placed in the folders by the door.
- o If you are absent on a vocabulary quiz or test day, you will need to make-up the quiz/test by appointment with Mr. K.
- o Cell phones, iPads/tablet computers, iPods/mp3 players, and laptops are acceptable in the classroom as long as they do not disrupt my classroom environment. All technology use is at the discretion of Mr. K!
- o Drinks with a lid are allowed in my classroom. Food is NOT allowed except under special circumstances.
- o **If you're not prepared for class**, you may be sent to your locker for an unexcused tardy. If you come to class without your textbook, notebook, or other supplies needed for that day, or if

you need to go to the restroom, I may excuse you to care for your needs; however, reentry results in an unexcused tardy.

- If **school work is late**, the assignment's final grade will be reduced 20% per day(i.e. if you earn a 100% on the late assignment, you'll receive an 80% final grade). If it is turned in more than four days late, it is a zero and cannot be made up (unless previous arrangements have been made with Mr. K).
- **Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated.** Students found cheating will either receive a zero on an assignment or face a 40% deduction in grade, depending on the assignment.

Supplies

Beginning Tuesday, September 15, you will need to carry in class:

- **Pen or pencil** (your choice of writing utensil)
- **3-ring binder** or **Notebook** with college-ruled paper
- A **covered textbook**
- A **mini-stapler** (encouraged, not required)

Additionally, this year we will be creating something called "**The Community Chest.**" Parents, if you're able, I'm looking for extra pencils, pens, notebook paper, construction paper, markers, or coloring pencils for students to use on projects and presentations. Additionally, I'll take old magazines, craft supplies, scrapbook paper, old dictionaries, whatever might be useable for creative projects.

Students who bring in supplies will receive a **WILD Card** in appreciation of their generosity!

GRENEVOCAB IV

Every Friday, we will have a ten word vocabulary quiz. The words are posted online at www.quizlet.com/kloosterteach. The format of the quiz will vary from fill-in-the-blank to a written definition.

Technology

A good portion of in-class work and assignments will be produced and submitted via Kloosterteach.com and Google Classroom (for AP students ONLY this year). All services are accessible through any internet connected device, and have apps for both Apple and Android devices. If a student does not have consistent access to an internet enabled device (personal computer, phone, or tablet), please communicate this with Mr. K so he can make different arrangements!

General Course Evaluation

Homework.....	30%
Quizzes.....	30%
Final Drafts/Exams.....	40%