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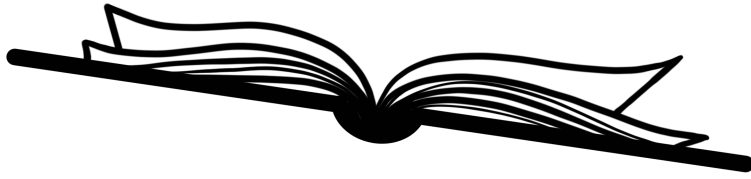
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Welcome

to Mrs. Bowar's class.



ENGLISH 4

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will apply and build upon previous language arts instruction through a variety of writing projects, including a research paper and other compositions, including reflection papers, analysis papers, technical communications, and creative writing. Students will read and examine British and American Literature (including poetry, plays, essays, short stories, and novels). Independent reading, grammar, and vocabulary usage will be developed throughout each week of the course.

Expectations

BE RESPONSIBLE

Come prepared with class materials. Be on time. Follow class rules and procedures.

BE RESPECTFUL

Respect yourself, your peers, the staff, and our facility.

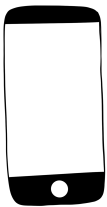
DO YOUR BEST

Be aware of your progress in this class by monitoring your grades. Take advantage of advisory time!

TENTATIVE Units

- ☐ Beowulf
- ☐ Canterbury Tales
- ☐ Mock Interview Unit
- ☐ Sonnets / Macbeth
- ☐ Senior Project Paper
- ☐ Animal Farm
- ☐ Satire
- ☐ Night
- ☐ Creative Writing

TECH POLICY :



All phones, headphones, smartwatches, etc. must remain off and put away unless you are given permission to have them out. If your phone accidentally goes off, no biggie. Just silence your device and put it away. If you are caught using your phone or other electronic devices without permission, your device will either be turned over to me or the office. Because smartwatches have many capabilities as cell phones, they will be treated as so in the classroom. Phone pockets will be utilized in my classroom. Each student will be assigned a pocket to place their phone in before class starts.

MISCELLANEOUS

Extra Credit

Extra credit is rarely given. Students should not ask for or rely on extra credit for their grade. Your best effort is expected the first time.

Email Policy

Students are expected to email in a professional manner. Failure to do so may result in receiving no response from me.

ACCEPTED

Mrs. Bowar,
I was gone from class today and was wondering what I missed.
Can you email me what we did in class? Thank you.
Student's Name

NOT ACCEPTED

Hey, I was gone today. What did we do?

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious offense. Work that has been intentionally plagiarized (downloaded from internet, copied from peer, etc.) will receive a zero; an office referral will also be filled out. Unintentional plagiarism (failure to cite sources) will be handled on a case-by-case basis, based on the extent of the plagiarized material.

AI

Submitting work that incorporates any form of generative AI without proper MLA citation will be treated like plagiarism (see above). Students may not use generative AI for completing class assignments, essays, etc.

RESTROOM & HALLWAY POLICY :



Students will be given 4 passes for each quarter (16 total for the year). These passes will be in the form of “tickets” that can be stored in your personal file within the classroom. You do not have to use all of your tickets, but just know that they will not carry over to the next quarter. Students are expected to utilize the bathroom and water fountain, go to the printer, turn in forms to the office, see other teachers, etc. **between classes.** Tickets are meant for emergencies. I am understanding of bathroom emergency situations. If a student has used all 4 tickets for that quarter and insists that the restroom is an emergency, then he/she may choose to come in for 5 minutes after school to make up for class time missed (this only applies for a bathroom emergency). If a student fails to come in for the 5 minutes, then a formal detention will be given. If a student comes to class late, sometimes they will opt to use a ticket vs. being marked tardy.

Vocab. Grammar. Literary Terms.

Students will be doing an extensive vocabulary study throughout the year. Vocabtest.com will be utilized for classroom practice in English 1-3. English 4 will be provided notes to study. Students may do additional practice at home to prepare as necessary. **Quizzes/Tests will comprise this portion of the class grade.**

Grammar will also be studied throughout the year. **Practice assignments, quizzes, and tests may all be assessed.**

Students will also be assessed on their knowledge of commonly tested literary terms. Like vocabulary, **quizzes will make up this part of their grade.** Students will be given notes to study on their own in order to learn these terms.

Grading

The district grading scale is used and can be found in the student handbook

In this course your grades are broken up into three major categories:

- 1) daily work
- 2) tests/quizzes
- 3) projects/essays.

Every point matters! Don't rely on just your daily work points. Don't rely on just your test points.

RETAKE

Opportunities



This has
changed!

Because Advisory has been changed this year, students will no longer have the opportunity to do study sessions followed by retakes. Students should study and do their best work the first time. As the teacher, I have discretion as to allow a student to retake something or not. However, students should approach class this year with the understanding that there will not be retakes.

LATE WORK?

Any student with a missing or late assignment will receive an “M” in the gradebook to indicate that an assignment is missing. Students are responsible for getting work turned in. After 2 weeks, a missing assignment can no longer be completed for points.

Just because it is missing does not mean it is late.

Sick? Your assignment is missing.

You came to class but didn't do your homework from the previous class? Your assignment is late.

Late Work: 75% of the earned grade/score will be given if the late assignment is turned in by the end of that school day (3:18). If the assignment is not done at the end of the day (3:18), the assignment will receive 65% of the earned grade/score. **After an assignment has been missing for two weeks, it will result in a score of 0.**

Gone for a school activity?? It is your responsibility to communicate with me and ask regarding what you missed in class. If you are gone for a school event, then you should have your work completed and turned in before you leave. If you don't, your assignment is subject to a late grade penalty.

READING Content:

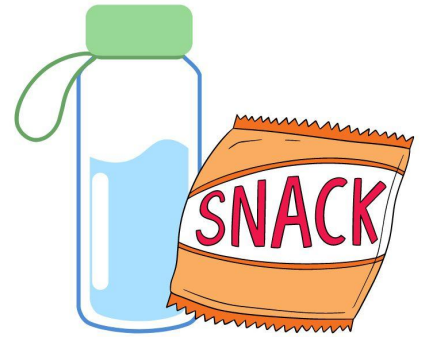
Students will be doing a great deal of self-selection when it comes to what they are reading throughout the year. Whether for literature circle novels or independent reading, I encourage students to choose books that interest them and have content relevant to them. If at any time a student is uncomfortable with a book's language or content, the student should communicate with me and adjustments will be made. Likewise, if a parent does not agree with a selection that a student has made, then the parent is expected to communicate with the student. The student and I will discuss the appropriate next step from there. At times, the entire class will be reading the same novel or piece of literature. Just like self-selected material, if a student is uncomfortable with the material we are reading as a class, I ask that they come speak with me so I can find an alternative reading source/assessment.

FOOD & DRINK POLICY :

We have a brand new facility. We must take care of it the best we can. To help maintain a clean classroom environment, please be aware of the following expectations:

- Students are only allowed to have water in class.
- Food is allowed so long as it is not disruptive or messy and is picked up before leaving the classroom.
- If food or wrappers are left behind, I reserve the right to eliminate all food and snacks for all classes.

Please do your part to keep our building and classrooms in great shape!



SYLLABUS Signature

Please print and sign your name below indicating that you've read through and understand the expectations in the course syllabus (also found on Google Classroom). Your student should return this signed on the due date discussed in class. Thanks!

Mrs. Bowar

Student's Name (printed): _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (printed): _____

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