Academic English 12

Course Syllabus

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**Goals:**

Academic English 12 will utilize literature to reinforce analytical and writing skills. The course will also reinforce reading, vocabulary, research, and presentation skills.

**Objectives:**

* Students will be able to understand various concepts in literature by investigating ideas in course readings.
* Students will be able to recognize thematic and stylistic differences among various authors.
* Students will be able to distinguish between literal and figurative language.
* Students will be able to develop and improve writing skills through the use of the writing process.
* Students will apply speaking skills to class discussions and formal presentations.
* Students will be able to distinguish and demonstrate various genres of literature.

**Major Works/ Texts:**

* Endangered (Eliot Schrefer)
* Animal Farm (George Orwell)
* Lord of the Flies (William Golding)
* Sonnets
* Macbeth (William Shakespeare)
* Frankenstein (Mary Shelley)
* Assorted shorter readings from various writers (Jamaica Kincaid, David Sedaris, Annie Dillard, Frederick Douglass)

**Classroom Guidelines/ Student Responsibilities:**

* Respect everyone inside and outside the classroom.
* Be courteous to one another.
* Come to class on time. Consistent lateness will result in disciplinary action.
* Plagiarism will be dealt with according to the student code of conduct. Any student caught plagiarizing will receive a zero on the assignment and possible disciplinary action.
* During the year you will be issued several texts. The texts are your responsibility. Any damage beyond normal usage will result in fines. If you lose your book, you are responsible for paying for a replacement.
* Unexcused absences and cuts will be dealt with according to guidelines in the Student Handbook.
* You must pass English to graduate

**Absence and/or lateness:**

* Whenever you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. All assignments will be posted on line on Google classroom.
* From the high school handbook - Students who are unexcused/unlawfully tardy or absent will receive a zero for class work/assessments. If the assignment that is missed is part of a cumulative project, the student shall be permitted to make up the work. The assignment for the cumulative project, shall be completed at a time based on the teacher’s availability. A student may appeal the decision for a grade or acceptance of a missed assignment, project or exam to the building principal and an assigned assistant principal. Student must present evidence of due cause that would validate an exception to this policy for each unexcused absence. Unexcused absences of seven (7) or more days will result in the withholding of course credit until a conference with the principal is scheduled.

**Assignments/ Evaluations/ Requirements:**

1. Homework/ assignments will be given on a regular basis. All assignments are graded. Late assignments will be penalized at 10% a day.

2. There will be announced quizzes on independent reading assignments.

3. There will be announced major projects/ tests on the assigned readings.

4. All major papers are to be typed, double-spaced, MLA format.

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I have read the syllabus and understand the requirements, classroom rules and regulations.

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