

English 4 (2023-2024)

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The curriculum includes but is not limited to the following areas:

- Techniques of effective writing: revising, editing, and researching.
- Writing genres (include but are not limited to): narrative, informative, persuasive, descriptive, and expository.
- Research writing in MLA as well as in APA formatting, as determined by the instructor.
- Evaluations of student, peer, and professional writing.
- Weekly spelling/vocabulary lists--study affixes and word bases. Students will keep and maintain a vocabulary/English notebook.
- Grammar and Usage.
- Literature: a chronological study of the development of the English language and British literature.
- Trade books (paperback novels).
- Technology: used to enhance student instruction.

Grading for this class:

- Tests, writing assignments and projects: 45% of grade.
- Quizzes and major assignments: 30% of grade.
- Daily work and homework assignments: 15% of grade.
- Notebooks/binders, notecards, outlines, organizational tools: 10% of grade.

Course Materials:

- *British Literature* Study Sync (on line)
- *Canterbury Tales, Macbeth* trade books
- iPad (Charged; bring it **daily**).
- Notebook/binder

Class Expectations:

- Know and follow school rules for expected behavior and the learning environment in the academic classroom as outlined in the handbook.
- Use **ONLY** the 100 hallway to enter and exit the classroom.
- All materials/information from the semester course are potentially to be included on the semester exam. Get notes/materials from a peer if you miss class.

- Assignments are to be turned in at the beginning of class as you enter the classroom; papers will not be printed off in class. (Check your FOCUS/homeroom to see about printing your paper(s) before go to class later in the day.). Unless otherwise instructed, papers are to be placed in the basket by the door as you enter the classroom.
- Papers submitted digitally will be processed through **TurnItIn** and processed for evaluation/plagiarism. Plagiarism is academic theft and will be graded 0. Plagiarism also includes using/copying others' answers during group discussion rather than writing your own answers or submitting another student's answer(s).
- Make up any assignments/school work prior to missing class for any school activity or scheduled absence. Make-up work IS NOT to be completed during English class. If you are absent for an activity, any work that had been due the day you missed is must be turned in the day you return to class.
- Bookbags, backpacks, etc. are to be under your chairs throughout class time.
- Students are to be in their seats when the late bell rings. Detentions are given for all tardies (other than first period, which are handled through the main office). At the end of class, students leave their seats **ONLY** when Mrs. Leick dismisses the class.
- No passes for going to lockers or leaving the classroom. A student may leave the classroom only for a call from the office or an emergency.
- If a student needs to come see me, it must be done between classes or before or after school. No one from another class will be interrupting the current class period.

Late Policy: 1 day late: 75%
 2 days late: 50%
 3 days late: 0

Semester grades:

- Quarter #1: 45% of grade.
- Quarter #2: 45% of grade.
- Semester test/final: 10% of grade.

NO head phones, cell phones, earbuds, or air-pods, unless otherwise specified. They are to be kept in your backpack. **NO smartwatches** – they are to be left in your backpacks as well.

Mrs. Leick is available to students before 8:00 a.m., or after 8th period classes have ended for the school day.

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