

World Literature and Composition Syllabus

Course number: 1040 Credit: 1.0 Instructor: Mrs. Maureen Parry

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Course Description: This course is a survey course of World Literature. Through the study of such masterpieces as Beowulf, The Canterbury Tales, Macbeth, poetry, and Lord of the Flies, students will develop their critical reading skills, critical thinking skills, literary analysis skills, writing skills, vocabulary skills, and public speaking skills. Various assessments will be used to evaluate student's progress and comprehension of the course.

Course Text(s): Holt McDougal Literature-British Literature and various supplemental readings.

Course Content: This course will cover the Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Periods, the English Renaissance, the Restoration in the 18th Century, the Flowering of Romanticism, and various supplemental readings. **As we progress through the semester, we will be covering grammar, writing, vocabulary, study skills, and other topics relevant to course content to ensure the success of all students.

** Vocabulary unit includes 20 new vocabulary words each week for 15 weeks.

** Grammar will be ongoing throughout the entire 15 weeks of the semester

Course Requirements: Students must be prepared for class with a **3-ring binder**, notebook **paper**, **journal book**, **vocabulary book**, a **pencil** or **pen** and their **novel** every day.

Course Expectations: 1. Students are expected to respect each other, the classroom environment, the instructor, and all visitors to the classroom. 2. Students are expected to be on time for class. After the first three tardies the student will be issued an administrative detention and for every tardy thereafter. 3. Students are expected to be prepared for class and participate in all activities during the block. 4. The students are expected to respect all ideas, interpretations, and discussions within the course. 5. Students are expected to respect themselves and others by abiding to all classroom, school, and school district rules, procedures, and policies. 6. Students are expected to do their own coursework at all times. Any form of cheating-including plagiarism-will result in a zero for that assignment/grade.

Grading Procedures: Grades are calculated on a weighted scale, consistent with all language programs at Pottstown High School (Literature-40%, Writing & Grammar-30%, Vocabulary-20% and Homework and Classwork-10%). The grading scale is as follows: 93-100=A, 85-92=B, 77-84=C, 70-76=D, Below 70=F Grades are not rounded up upon calculation.

Absences: A student who has an excused absence(s) will be given the opportunity to make up any missed work, tests, and quizzes. A student with an unexcused absence(s)

will not be permitted to make up work until the unexcused absence is changed to an excused absence. Students who are discovered to have cut class will be given a zero on all assignments-including exams and projects-with no possibility of make-up.

Eschool Plus: It is the responsibility of the student/parents/guardians to check grades. Please be sure to get the appropriate username and password.

