

English IV

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It is my pleasure to welcome you to English IV - British Literature for the 2021-2022 school year. In this course, students will gain a new appreciation for classic British literature, learn new writing techniques and prepare all students to enter the world upon graduation.

Class Expectations

Students should come to class on time and prepared every day. All homework assignments should be completed and submitted before class. Students should participate in class discussions and actively be a part of all classroom activities.

Class Materials

The following materials will be required for class every day.

- Pencil/Blue or black pen
- Loose leaf paper
- 1 subject composition book (to be left in class for journal writing)
- Highlighters
- Any required reading materials

Classroom Rules

- Be on time
- Be prepared
- Be respectful
- Do your best

Consequences

Rules have consequences. The following will be followed if any classroom rules are broken.

- Individual warning
- Parent contact
- Referral to office

Grading System

Grading Scale

90-100 – A

80-89 – B

70-79 – C

60-69 – D

<60 – F

Major Assignments – 40%

- Tests
- Writing assignments
- Projects

Minor Assignment – 60%

- Quizzes
- Homework
- Classwork
- Participation

Attendance policy

Students are allowed to miss eight (8) days of class. If you miss more than eight days, you will fail the course, per school policy. In order to be counted present for the class, thus receiving credit for the day, students must be in class for 51% of the day, meaning you have to be in class for at least 46 minutes.

Excused absences must be approved by the front office with a note. Whatever the office decides, I have to use.

Tardiness

Students are expected to be in class working when the tardy bell rings. This class is fast paced and we will have an assignment you should be working on when the bell rings every day. Don't be late or you will start behind before class gets started!

Per school policy, chronic tardiness results in the following discipline actions.

- 4 tardies = Parent contact
- 5 tardies = After school detention
 - o If you don't attend after school detention, you will receive a full day of ISS

Cell phones

Lee County High School is implementing red, yellow and green zones for cell phone usage this year. These signs are posted throughout the school.

In this classroom, we are, for the most part, a red zone. I don't want to see a phone during class discussions, tests or during group work. However, while working independently, I will allow you to listen to music through headphones at an appropriate volume. If I ask you to put cell phones away, I don't want to see them. I also hold the right to take a phone that I believe is being a distraction.

In order to minimize the distraction, I have pockets at the back of the room to store your phone during class. While not required, it is strongly encouraged to put phones in the pockets before class.

Make Up/Late Work

Per school policy, students are responsible for collecting any missing assignments from days they are absent from class. Students will have the number of days absent, plus one to make up missing work. Meaning, if a student misses three days, they will have four days to turn in make-up work.

It is expected that students submit assignments on the due date, in the correct format, and in the correct location. Late work will be accepted no later than one week after the original due date. Late work will receive no higher than a 70, unless it is turned in late due to an excused absence. Pre-announced/scheduled assignments are due immediately upon the student's return to class.

Redo/Retake

Missing assignments are not eligible for redo. Students who receive a 69 or lower on a major assignment have the option to redo it one time for a maximum grade of a 70. The higher of the two grades will be in the grade book. Students must initiate the assignment to be redone. The redo must be submitted within one week of it being originally graded.

Academic Integrity

Excellence in education requires the highest standards of integrity and honesty with respect to academic and athletic performance. Honor Code violations include, but are not limited to: libel, slander, dishonesty, plagiarism, cheating, and violation of copyright/ Internet/computer policies.

Honor Code violations are further defined in LCS Student Code of Conduct, Rule 7. Honor Code violations are to be taken seriously by students and faculty and will be dealt with in a fair and equitable manner. Students who cheat on their tests and/or other assignments may earn a score of 0 for that assignment with no opportunity for make-up. The teacher will notify the parents/guardians, guidance, and administration. All offenses are cumulative during the academic year and grade level. Subsequent honor code violations will result in further disciplinary consequences.

Most importantly, I am here to teach you and help you grow as people. We will do activities that teach you what you're supposed to learn in this class, but also things to help you after high school. My number one goal is to teach you to think and analyze information for yourself. I am going to ask you difficult questions, but they are meant to help you improve as a member of society.