

Course Description

This 12th grade course integrates language and British Literature with the study and use of oral and written communication. We will cover various literary eras, including all the major elements that make each European historical period unique and how the circumstances of each period influenced the literature of that time. We will also incorporate research into each unit in an effort to fine-tune the process.

Unit One: The Anglo-Saxon Period-“What makes a hero?”

Unit Two: The Middle Ages-“Who really shapes society?”

Unit Three: The English Renaissance and Shakespearean Drama-“Why do people seek power?”

Unit Four: The Restoration and Enlightenment-“Who can fix society’s problems?”

Unit Five: Romanticism-“What can we learn from nature?”

Unit Six: Victorian Era-“When is progress a problem?”

Assessments and Grading Policy

Major Assessments	45%	Unit tests, essays, portfolios
Minor Assessments	20%	Quizzes, notebook checks, short writing, journals
Daily work	15%	Class assignments, homework, participation
Final Exam	20%	Cumulative end of semester test

Attendance

Excused absences will not count against earning exemption. Students must have a B average or higher, no ISS/OSS, have cleared any fines/obligations, and have 5 or less unexcused absences.

Notebooks

Notebooks will contain most of the work we do in class throughout the semester. You are expected to keep up with all the material neatly and chronologically.

Required Texts and Materials

You are expected to bring these materials to class every day.

1. Novels, when assigned (\$12 replacement cost)
2. 3-ring binder notebook (with notebook paper).
3. Pens/Pencils/Highlighters

Make-up Work

When you are absent from class, **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to find out about and complete missed assignments—this includes reading. You will have 5 days to make up your assignments (including tests and quizzes). See me before or after class to get assignments. On-going reading assignments and projects are due upon your return. No excuses.

*You will be permitted to re-take **TWO** tests per semester (after one hour of tutoring and/or test corrections). The re-take must be done within a week from when the original test is returned. Not all grades will be eligible for re-take.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted up to five days after the due date. For daily grades, there will be a 10pt. deduction the day after the work is due. Any work submitted after that will receive a 50pt deduction. For test grades, a late grade is 10pt deduction per day. After the five-day window a permanent zero will be given and the work cannot be made up at a later date.

Extra Credit

It is school policy that no outside/non-curricular “extra credit” assignments be given to students.

Classroom Rules

- Respect your teacher.
- Respect your classmates.
- Respect yourself.
- Do what is asked of you.
- Be prepared every day.

Consequences

- first offense: warning
- second offense: parent contact/detention
- repeat offenses will result in parent contact and office referral

Tardies

Refer to the student handbook for the school’s tardy policy. First period offenders will be sent to the office to check in.

Cheating

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. A zero will be given for the assignment and the student will be referred to the office for major offenses.

Georgia Standards of Excellence

The standards for this course can be found at www.georgiastandards.org

Google Classrooms

To encourage blended learning, online assignments will be posted weekly through Google Classroom. At least one Google Classroom assignment per week will be graded and entered in Infinite Campus. Students should be familiar with how to navigate the online platform, communicate with their teacher, and submit assignments on time. If there are technology limitations, please notify the teacher.

How does a student access Google Classroom?

1. Go to www.hcbe.net and Click on SSO Portal in the navigation menu.
2. Login with your school username and password.
3. Click on the Google Classroom app.

Contact

Please feel free to contact me at school at 478-218-7537 or by e-mail at matthew.roth@hcbe.net.

I will make every effort to assist and to be available to parents and students however I may. I invite parents to talk with me about student progress whenever possible. Please sign below indicating that you have looked over this syllabus and understand what is expected of students in order to be successful in this class.

Thank you.

Student Name (print) _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Parent email: _____

*Policies and procedures are subject to change.