

# English IV-British Literature

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**Course Description-** This course looks at major authors and literary works from the British Isles and beyond. Works of literature will be selected from past and present authors alike. Selections will include short stories, poems, novels, essays, and drama. Throughout the year writing will be emphasized in a variety of forms. Class discussions will be a major key in understanding the selections. Movies may be shown in combination with a certain work/theme. A student may choose to do an alternative assignment instead of viewing an “R” rated movie. Most movies I show are PG or PG-13.

**Course Materials-** The Brief English Handbook  
Glencoe Literature: The Reader’s Choice (*British Literature*)-State Issued  
Novels as supplied by teacher

**Course Supplies-**

**A 3 ring binder** (No bigger than 1½”)

Labeled with your name, class, period, and my name

Filled with loose-leaf paper

Divided into five sections:

**Notes, Vocabulary, Weekly Writing, Journal, and Homework.**

Your binder will occasionally be collected for a grade...be sure you are always prepared!

Needed for research paper

\*\*\*\*\*3X5 note cards

NO BRIGHT NEON COLORS

\*\*\*\*\*4X6 note cards

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\*\*\*\*\*A 2 pocket folder

\*\*\*\*\*CD/DVD, flash/jump drive, or access to the internet.

**NOT REQUIRED BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED-** *a 1GB jump drive*

**Grading-** Grades will be determined from daily work, compositions, presentations, quizzes, tests, and projects. Homework will be 10% of the final grade, Tests, Papers, and Projects will be worth 50%, Vocabulary Work will be worth 20%, and In Class work will be worth 20 %. Semester grades will be the computed based on quarter grades plus a semester/final exam. Academic dishonesty discovered will result in a zero for that particular assignment and reported to the Dean of Students. I will be using *turnitin.com*, a plagiarism website, to help check various submitted papers and projects.

**Discipline-** Regular school detentions are issued for boisterous or inappropriate behavior, profane or vulgar language, tardiness, dress code violations, lack of a pass, lack of preparedness, running, littering, or possessing food or drink in the classroom. Parental contact will be made if there are academic and/or behavioral concerns.

**Important-** If you need help, PLEASE ASK!!! I am in the building every morning by 7:40. After school, I can be found in room 189 until 3:30. If you wish to speak to me or get extra help on assignments at another time, talk to me so that we can make arrangements. I will also be free to meet during my prep period.

**Assignments and Tests-** Assignments may be found on-line. All assignments are due at the beginning of class unless prior arrangements have been made with me.

\* excused, medical, or school related absences- all assignments and tests announced prior to the absence are to be made up the day you return.

\* appointments- assignments are to be turned in BEFORE leaving, and tests are to be taken before leaving or on the day of your return.

\* personal absence/vacation- all make up work is to be turned in within 3 days of your return. If you know you will be gone, you may ask for assignments in advance. All long term assignments/ projects are due before you depart.

\* unexcused absence/truancy-No work can be made up. Each assignment or test missed will receive a zero(0).

If you are absent for ANY reason, check with me for any missed worksheets or handouts. You are responsible for all missed information on future tests and quizzes.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED TO MAKE UP ANY ASSIGNMENTS, TEST, OR QUIZZES.**

### **Expectations and Rules-**

1. Respect each other.

\* Listen to what your classmates have to say. It may benefit you on future tests or assignments.

\* Don't be so quick to judge. A difference in opinion does not make a person stupid!

\* Respect others' possessions.

2. Respect the teacher/substitute/school

\* Listen when information is given. It may make a difference in your grade on the next test or assignment.

\* Be in your seat and prepared for class when the bell rings.

\* Follow directions- I don't write them on the worksheets just to take up space!

\* Stand for the morning prayer and the pledge. It is a sign of respect. If you choose not to participate, then stand quietly until it is finished.

3. Respect yourself

\*Study for your tests and quizzes.

\*Complete your assignments to the best of your ability.

\*Come to class prepared.

\*Keep an open mind!

\*Ask questions!

4. Keep all food and drink out of the classroom.

5. If I see, smell or hear gum, you must throw it out.

6. Keep coats, hats, and bags in lockers.

7. Follow the school rules as stated in the handbook.

8. Do not use foul or vulgar language.

9. Notify the office if no instructor has arrived five minutes into your class period.

**Brief Statement-** The two key words for this course are **respect** and **responsibility**. If you can be respectful and responsible, the year will go along very well for you, the class, and me. Remember that every action has a consequence. Some consequences are good; others are bad. A shortcoming in either the respect or the responsibility department will affect you, the class, and me. The choice is yours, but your choice affects us all!!!