

SYLLABUS - World Literature & Composition - SPRING 2023

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Course Description

This course is a thematic study of World literature and will include a variety of genres and significant themes. The purpose of this course is to allow the student an opportunity to gain competence in

- Reading- Students will increase vocabulary and use of context clues to gain knowledge and improve reading comprehension, while gaining an appreciation for a variety of literary genres.
- Writing- Students will develop writing skills to compose well-developed, cohesive paragraphs and multi-paragraph essays by addressing sentence structure, spelling, grammar, punctuation and usage.
- Research and Argumentation - Students will design and implement concise and sustained research tasks focused by questions and understandings of rigorous topics. Students will communicate information, reasoning, and supporting evidence that conveys a clear and distinct perspective.
- 21st Century Skills- Students will demonstrate competence in Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, and Creativity while developing a sense of local and global citizenship
- Technology - Students will develop a degree of Technological Citizenship and will demonstrate proficiency in Google and other electronic app platforms.

Course Textbook

HMH Into Literature: Grade 10 (\$22.20)

Students will also read a variety of novels, dramas, short stories, and poems throughout the course.

****Note:** Failure to return books that are assigned or checked out for student use will result in a recovery fee not to exceed the purchase price of the text.

Grading Policy

- Assessment Tasks: Tests/Essays/Projects: 40% of course average
- Practice Work: Classwork/Homework/Quizzes: 40% of course average
- Final Exam: 20% of course grade each semester

****Eagle's Landing High School follows a block schedule. Each semester a student can earn 1 whole credit.**

In order to better assist students and guardians with student performance in the course, progress reports will be distributed periodically throughout the school year. **Progress can be monitored more often with the use of the Parent Portal on Infinite Campus. Grades are updated weekly.**

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- **Final Exam**: 20% of Semester Grade
- **Standards-Based Grading**
- **Level 1** (*beginning level*) will be 60-69
- **Level 2** (*developing level*) will be 70-79
- **Level 3** (*proficient level*) will be 80-89
- **Level 4** (*distinguished level*) will be 90-100

****Note:** We are on block scheduling, meaning one credit is earned per class per semester. Since this class is required for graduation, failure of the class will result in zero earned credits, and will need to be completed (retaken) in its entirety during a different semester.*

Henry County Attendance Policy

Attending school regularly is necessary for the comprehension of instruction and information. Classroom participation improves the retention of facilitated information. Failure to attend class denies the student the opportunity to fully engage in the learning process. Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1) requires all students between the ages of 6 and 16 to attend school unless they have a lawful reason to be absent. Students who during the school year have more than five days of unexcused absences from school will be considered truant.

Tardy Policy

School begins at 8:15 a.m. each day. Students who are tardy to first block must have either a late bus pass or a front office check-in pass. Please note that passes from the tardy kiosk will not be accepted 1st block. Students who are tardy to either 2nd, 3rd, or 4th block must have either a pass or a tardy slip from the tardy kiosk to enter. Students who arrive tardy (except for late bus passes) will be marked as such in Infinite Campus.

Make-Up Work

It is the student's responsibility to access assignments Google Classroom in the event of an excused absence. Homework and daily work need to be completed within two (2) days of the student's return. Tests must be made up within a week for credit. Any assignments received prior to the excused absence are due immediately upon the student's return.

Late Work

Assignments that are submitted late will be graded and entered **after** on-time work has been graded and entered. Students will receive a zero (0) for missing assignments. Students will be "ZAPPED" for missing assignments through the ELHS "Zeros Aren't Permitted Program" (ZAPP). ZAPP dates will be shared in Infinite Campus and Google classroom.

Additionally, students will have a chance to complete all missing work on Fridays as part of the "**Finish-Up Fridays**" initiative. This will allow students the majority of the class time on Fridays to complete any missing/late work before the end of the week (Saturday at 11:59pm).

Homework Policy

- All homework is assigned in order to provide practice opportunities for skill attainment and mastery.
- Students are expected to spend time after school and at home reviewing course material, doing independent reading, and finishing incomplete work in order to attain the

skills necessary for future assessments. All assignments must be neatly done and reflect time and effort.

***Note: Homework assignments are assigned at the teacher's discretion and usage of such assignments may change without prior notification. Please note that all assignments are for the benefit of the student and may not necessarily require grading but may be necessary for the completion and/or comprehension of future graded tasks.**

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Per the Student & Parent Handbook "Coursework submitted by a student must be the student's own, original work. Students shall not cheat on any assignment by giving or receiving unauthorized assistance or commit the act of plagiarism. Students who commit such acts are subject to not receiving credit on the assignment in question and will be subject to disciplinary action as well."

*Students caught **plagiarizing** will receive a zero on the assignment.*

• *For the first offense, students will be offered the opportunity to revise and resubmit the assignment.*

• *For the second and subsequent offenses, the students will receive a zero for the assignment and the HCS policy for Academic Integrity will be followed.*

REQUIRED Classroom Supplies

School issued Chromebook & Charger

Suggested Classroom Supplies

• Loose leaf paper (either college or wide ruled)

• Black or blue pens

• Highlighters (recommended)

• 3 ring binder

Classroom Expectations

- Students are expected to adhere to all rules and guidelines dictated by the Student Handbook for the Henry County School System.

- **NO CELL PHONE USE while the teacher is speaking or when students should be completing class assignments.**

Students are expected to be respectful and courteous to their teacher and peers.

- **No food or drinks**, except clear water, will be allowed in the classroom.

- Students will come to class prepared to learn.

- Students will have all necessary materials everyday including completed homework assignments.

- Students are expected to arrive to class on time and immediately begin the daily activity.

- Students are expected to pay attention and participate in all classroom activities and discussions.

Assignment Requirements

- All essays should be written in MLA format with MLA formatted citations, if necessary

- All projects must be neatly submitted, creative, original, and reflect time and effort.

- All borrowed information presented in written assignments, presentations, or projects must be documented using properly formatted MLA citations.
- All papers and large written projects will be submitted electronically through Google Classroom.

Assignments will be given on paper AND through Google classroom. Also found on Google classroom will be links to electronic texts of literature that are being read in class and notes.

Technology

Our school is a 1-1 Technology school. Students are required to bring their Henry County School Devices into the classroom and use it at appropriate times. Students are provided a Google account through the school, which they will be expected to use for the class. Students should use these tools appropriately as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Cell Phones

NO CELL PHONE USE while the teacher is speaking or when students should be completing class assignments. Student personal devices including cell phones, tablets, smart watches, etc. must be put away during class time so students can actively participate in class. If a student is found using technology without permission or inappropriately, parent(s) will be contacted and a discipline process will begin. At Eagle's Landing High School, students may use their cell phone in class [only with teacher permission].