Honors English 10 Syllabus

Ms. Powell

Room D135

Southwest Guilford High School

Course Description:

This course is designed to give you an overview of the highlights of World Literature. Students in the honors course will explore challenging World Literature- fictional, historical and informational texts- widely and deeply, encompassing print and non-print texts. This honors English course fosters intellectual curiosity by encouraging students to generate thought-provoking questions and topics to research diverse sources. Honors courses will require students to work as self-directed and reflective learners, both independently and in groups as leaders and collaborators. Higher level thinking skills, such as applying, analyzing, evaluating, and creating, will be emphasized throughout this course as will be reflected in the quality of student performance in oral language, written language, and technology skills.

Class Expectations & Reminders:

If students break and/or do not follow the following rules, students will be given a verbal warning for the first offense, call to parents for the second offense, and a write up to the office for continuing offenses and major offenses.

* Be prepared each day for class, for instruction, and for assignments (new or due).
* Be respectful of ALL people.
* Listen and contribute to class discussions but remember to be respectful when doing so- i.e. avoid speaking when another is talking; do not interrupt and/or distract; personal attacks are forbidden.
* Be responsible for yourself. If you are absent, think responsibly. Also, neither I nor other students are a supply store for your daily needs (whether for a pencil, paper, or homework answers.)
* Only one student is allowed to leave the classroom at a time.
* There will be no other course work done during English class.
* Refrain from cursing and from using derogatory terms (verbally or written)
* Be on time!
* Do NOT sleep in class!
* Follow all rules and guidelines as described in the Guilford County Schools handbook.

Required Materials:

* Paper, pencils/pens, highlighters, 200 notecards, and Post-it notes
* 1 Composition notebook used exclusively for a journal (no spiral notebooks).
* Binder (1 1/2) optional
* 1 plain folder with prongs

Cheating

No cheating of any type will be tolerated. Consequences, as stated in the student handbook, will apply.

Plagiarism

No plagiarism of any type will be tolerated. Consequences, as stated in the student handbook, will apply with the input of the teacher and the administration.

Topics

These topics are to be covered and read over the course of the semester. These topics are also subject to change.

* Introduction to course
* *Night*
* *Persepolis*
* Annotated Bibliography
* Research Papers
* Literary Analysis Papers
* Selection of Short Stories
* “Merchant of Venice”
* Magical Realism
* *A Long Way Gone*
* Individual Novel Projects
* Twentieth-Century Non-Fiction/Poetry

Grade Framework Grading Scale

Homework-20% A- 100-90

Participation- 10% B- 89-80

Quizzes- 30% C- 79-70

Test- 40% D- 69-60

F- 59-0

Late Work/Make Up Work

*Late Work*: Each day that it is late will be 10 points off the final grade that is received on that assignment. Something is always better than nothing. You have until the Friday of each week to turn in assignments. After Friday of each week, I will not accept any work from that week.

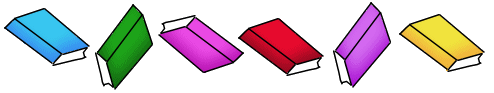
***\*\*NOTE****: The only exception to the late rule are Papers, Projects, and Articles of the Week. These will* ***not*** *be accepted late due to the length of time that is given to complete them. No excuses.*

*Make Up Work*: If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the work that you missed while you were out. From the day that you return from being absent, you have three days to make up your work. There are special circumstances that I will work with, but you must come and talk to me. If you do not tell me, then I do not know. Each day past three that you are absent will result in makeup time of 45 minutes for each day.

Need Help?

If at any point that you need extra assistance or have to make-up work for me, know that I will be available Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30-4:30. Make sure to let me know that you are coming just in case I have meetings or plans that will keep me from staying after school.

\*Parents, if you want to reach me, the best way would be with an email at [powells@gcsnc.com](mailto:powells@gcsnc.com) . You or your student may schedule a conference with me at any time to review or discuss their grades.



By signing below, you acknowledge that you received and understood the classroom policies and expectations for Honors English 10. Also, that students will be required to read aloud in class, participate in class presentations, discussions, debates, writing weekly, complete computer-based assignments, and complete two research papers according to MLA guidelines.

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Computer Access at Home?............................................................................Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Which way do you prefer communication? ……………….……………….…………Email\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to jot down any information or concerns that you would like me to know about your son/daughter in the space below.

**Please return this completed form to Ms. Powell no later than**

**Tuesday January 28th, 2020.**