

Syllabus: English IV

2011-1012

Course Description: “Students in English IV will integrate all the language arts skills gained throughout their education. The curriculum both affirms these skills and equips the students to be life-long learners. Students continue to explore expressive, expository, argumentative, and literary contexts with a focus on British Literature. The emphasis in English IV is on argumentation by developing a position of advocacy through reading, writing, speaking, listening, and using media.

Students will:

- Express reflections and reactions to texts,
- Explain principles inspired by the curriculum,
- Interpret and qualify texts,
- Research and address issues of public or personal concern
- Create products and presentations which maintain standard conventions of the written and spoken language.”

From the North Carolina Teacher’s Desk Reference”

Resources:

Pacing guide:

<http://www.person.k12.nc.us/Pacing%20guides/High%20School%202012/English%20IV.pdf>

Textbook- Elements of Literature Sixth Course Holt, Rinehart, and Winston. On-line resources:

<http://go.hrw.com>. Use the key words in lessons to help you find additional resources to aid in study.

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark

Sources for contemporary social issues, topics of research

Novel (teacher’s or student’s choice)

Strands of Study:

Composition: Students will write both in-class and independent essays related to the literature. All compositions must utilize the writing process. **These constitute a major portion of the grade.** Students should work diligently to improve grammar and writing skills.

***Research:** A research paper is a requirement of the course.

Speech/Listening: *The **senior speech** is a requirement for graduation. The speech **must be argumentative.**

Viewing/Listening: Documentaries, Classical Novels, Film, Speeches to enhance study

Vocabulary: Students are accountable for learning the assigned vocabulary in literary selections and other essential terms.

Important Dates:

Senior Parent Night	Sept. 13 Media Center
College Fair	Sept. 21, 9:30-10:30 A.M.
SAT & Subject Tests	Oct. 1, Reg. *deadline Sept. 9, late Sept 21 Nov. 5, Reg. deadline Oct. 7, late Oct. 21 Jan. 28, Reg. deadline Dec. 30 May 5, Reg. deadline Apr. 12 *Deadlines expire at midnight.
Research	Fall: Oct. 4, 5, 6; Paper due October 18 Spring: Feb. 20, 21, 22; Paper due March 6
Senior Speech	Fall: December 15, cafeteria 6:45 Spring: May 15, cafeteria 6:45
Graduation Practice	June 8, Required to march
Graduation	June 9, 2012 PHS Stadium 9:00 A.M.

Units of Study:

- 1: Anglo-Saxon Literature – *Beowulf*
- 2: Middle Ages – *The Canterbury Tales*
- 3: Renaissance – Shakespearean Sonnets and Drama, Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress*,
Milton’s *Paradise Lost*
- 4: Restoration and Eighteenth Century – Jonathan Swift’s *A Modest Proposal*
- 5: Romanticism – Romantic Poets
- 6: Research – Argumentative
- 7: Speeches – Argumentative
- 8: Victorian Literature – Novel choice
- 9: Modern Period – *Pygmalion/ (My Fair Lady)*