English 4

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Course Description:
Period 4: 10:32 a.m.—11:17 a.m.
Period 7: 1:51 p.m. –2:36 p.m.
Period 8: 2:40 p.m.—3:25 p.m.

The curriculum includes but is not limited to the following areas:

- Techniques of effective writing: revising, editing, and researching.
- Writing genres (include but are not limited to): narrative, informative, persuasive, descriptive, and expository.
- Research writing in MLA as well as in APA formatting, as determined by the instructor.
- Evaluations of student, peer, and professional writing.
- Weekly vocabulary lists--study of Greek and Latin affixes and word bases. Students will keep and maintain a vocabulary/English notebook.
- Grammar and Usage.
- Literature: a chronological study of the development of the English language and British literature.
- Trade books (paperback novels).
- Technology: used to enhance student instruction.

Required Materials:

- *Study Sync British Literature* (Textbook on iPads)
- *Beowulf*
- *The Canterbury Tales*, Geoffrey Chaucer
- *Macbeth* or *Romeo and Juliet*, William Shakespeare
- *1984*, George Orwell
- Short essays, poems, fiction, and non-fiction as selected.
- Vocabulary binder/Language Arts notebook.
- Laptop computer (bring it charged and to class **daily**).

Late Policy—daily grades:

1 day late: 75%
2 days late: 50%
3 days late: 0

Essays and research papers:

-5 points per week the writing is late.

Semester grades:

- Quarter #1: 45% of grade.
- Quarter #2: 45% of grade.
- Semester test/final: 10% of grade.

Lexington High School Grade scale:

98-100—A+ 93-97—A
90-92—B+ 85-89
82-84—C+ 77-81—C
74-76—D+ 70-73—D
Below 70—F

Grading for this class:

- Tests, writing assignments and major projects: 45% of grade.
- Quizzes and major assignments: 30% of grade.
- Daily work/homework: 15% of grade.
- Notebooks/Notecards/Outlines/Organizational tools: 10% of the grade.

Class Expectations:

- Know and follow school rules for expected behavior and the learning environment in the academic classroom as outlined in the handbook.
- Use the 100-hallway to enter and exit the classroom.
- All materials/information from the semester course are potentially to be included on the semester exam. Get notes/materials from Mrs. Leick or a peer if you miss class.
- On days assignments are due, they are turned in at the beginning of class as you enter the classroom; papers will not be printed off in class. (Check your FOCUS or homeroom to see about printing your paper(s) before class later in the day.).
- Papers/essays will be submitted digitally and will be processed for evaluation/ plagiarism. Plagiarism is academic theft and will be graded 0. Plagiarism also includes using/copying others' answers during group discussion rather than writing your own answers or submitting another student's answer(s).
- AI is not acceptable and is considered plagiarism/cheating. It will also be graded 0.
- Make up any assignments/school work prior to missing class for any school activity or scheduled absence. Make-up work IS NOT to be completed during English class time.
- Bookbags, backpacks, etc. are to be placed on the counter in the back of the room.
- Students are to be in their seats when the late bell rings. Detentions are given for all tardies (other than first period, which are handled through the main office). At the end of class, students leave their seats only when Mrs. Leick dismisses the class.
- No passes for going to lockers or leaving the classroom. A student may leave the classroom only for a call from the office or an emergency.
- Class periods are 45 minutes, going from bell-to-bell.
- No **head phones**, **iPods**, **iPads**, **cell phones**, or **Smart Watches** unless otherwise specified by Mrs. Leick. Cell phones, iPads, and Smart Watches are to be kept in your backpacks.
- Assignments completed in red, orange, pink, purple or turquoise ink will **not** be graded.

Mrs. Leick is available to students before 8:00 a.m. and after 8th period classes have ended for the school day. Students can come in to make up work during these times or during 2nd period, but **they must come after 9:10 a.m. and have a pass**.