

English IV Syllabus

Course Overview: Twelfth grade English is the study of British literature, writing, grammar, and vocabulary. Students will read a variety of literature including fiction, nonfiction, poetry and drama. English IV students are expected to use the writing process to create coherent and well-organized essays. Students will write reflective, persuasive, argumentative, analytical, and informational pieces. They will research a topic and write a research paper. In addition, students will continue to develop and use vocabulary and grammar skills.

General Objectives: The students will be able to do the following:

Read, analyze, and comprehend a variety of literary texts. (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama)

Use vocabulary strategies to read fluently.

Use correct capitalization, punctuation, and grammar to create written work that has a clear focus, detail, and coherence.

Write for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Access and use information from a variety of sources.

Course of Study:

The Anglo-Saxons 450-1066

The Medieval Period 1066-1500

Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*

The Renaissance 1500-1660

William Shakespeare and *Macbeth*

Varied other writers from this period

The Age of Reason 1660-1780

Jonathan Swift, Samuel Johnson, etc.

The Romantic Period 1780-1830

William Blake, William Wordsworth, Samuel Coleridge, etc.

The Victorian Period 1830-1880

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, etc.

Modern and Contemporary Period 1880-1915

Varied writers and poets

Research Paper (2nd semester)

Grammar, Spelling, Vocabulary

Grammar, spelling, and vocabulary will be taught and reviewed within the context of the literature.