



UNION GROVE HIGH SCHOOL
Course Syllabus

Instructor: E. Marston

Room #: 327

Year: 2021-2022

Course Name and Code: British Literature and Composition

Textbook Used: *Into Literature 12*

Supplementary Texts or Special Materials: Supplementary novels, plays, and essays. Students will need the following supplies: notebook paper, ink pens, highlighter. Optional materials include: post-it notes, a set of markers, and index cards. Students are more than welcome to donate tissues, paper towels, and hand sanitizer for class use.

Course Description: This course is a thematic survey of British and world literature with emphasis on writing and independent reading.

Course Outline and Content:

The course will include independent reading of many types of genres through various means and media, preparation for the SAT and ACT, vocabulary study, essay writing that includes college applications, creative writing, informal writing, speaking, and research.

Student Achievement Targets:

- 1. Students will be able to write well-organized and comprehensive essays.**
- 2. Students will develop reading and vocabulary skills necessary for success on the SAT, ACT, and college placement tests.**
- 3. Students will develop the necessary skills for success in college, and life beyond high school.**

Special Assignments and Projects: Extended projects and research essays will be assigned at teacher discretion.

Classroom Rules and Discipline Procedures: All students must adhere to the rules and expectations outlined in the Henry County Schools student handbook and the Union Grove High School student handbook addendum.

Hall Pass Policy: Include the following statement as the last line of your hall pass policy: Students are required to utilize and display the standard issued UGHS pass at all times while out of the classroom, failure to do so will result in disciplinary consequences. Students are also

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required to fill out the Google form prior to leaving the classroom and document their return time on the same form. Teachers will not give out hall passes during the first ten minutes or last ten minutes of class. It is the teacher's discretion to allow or deny a hall pass request.

Chromebook Policy: It is an expectation for students to have their charged Chromebook with them every day. Failure to do so will be regarded as "not being prepared for class."

Make-up Policy: The county policy is followed at all times. Students should schedule make-up work individually. Late homework is not accepted.

Grading System: Grades are semester long

- **Major Assessments (Tests, essays, projects, etc.)** = 40%
- **Minor Assessments (Practice work, homework, quizzes, etc.)** = 40%
- **Midterm/Final Exam** = 20%

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy:

The cell phone/electronic device policy begins when students enter the designated classroom area. All students will place all cell phones/devices in the teacher assigned caddy. During this time, cell phones must be turned off. Additionally, all smart watches or other electronic devices connected to the phone must be caddied until the end of class. Cell phones/devices will remain caddied until the end of class. Students will NOT be allowed to take their phones/devices out of the room when they have a hall pass to the restroom, media center, etc. Students will be allowed to use cell phones/devices before first period, during lunch, and during class transition.

On Time Policy:

In order to be considered "on time" to class, the student must be across the threshold of the classroom or designated classroom area by the end of the tardy bell.

Unit Repair Plan:

In an effort to aid in student mastery, each UGHS student will have the opportunity to participate in Unit Repair. Students may have the opportunity to "repair" two units per semester. In order to receive this opportunity, the student must communicate with the teacher to receive instructions within two school days of receiving the graded assessment. Students will be required to complete coursework and/or before/afterschool tutoring as defined by the teacher to show a greater understanding of the material to reassess. The student has 2 weeks from the date the graded assessment is returned to complete the practice work and take the reassessment.

Exam Exemption:

To encourage and reward excellent attendance, each student may earn the right to exempt one (1) spring semester non-state required final exam. Each student must meet clear guidelines to qualify for this exemption. Please see our school website for all requirements and guidelines.

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I have read and understand all of the objectives, requirements, and expectations for British Literature and Composition taught by Ellen Marston.

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Date

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Print parent name

Date

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