



English 4: British Literature

Course Syllabus

2020-2021

Mrs. Shannon Edwards	Room 113
Planning Period: 1st Block (8:45-10:10 AM)	Google Voice: 470-223-8232
Email: shannon.edwards@henry.k12.ga.us	
Remind: https://www.remind.com/join/a46ge3	

Learning Goal

This year the goal focuses on critical thinking, literature analysis and critique, reading comprehension, research skills, and written expression through different genres. We will look at literature and culture through the lens of British Literature, practicing real-world skills and creating unique and interesting projects to share our understandings with others.

What is British Literature?

British Literature is the study of any texts written by or about the people groups on and around the British Isles. This includes literature created by or about the history of the English, the Scottish, the Welsh, and Northern Irish.

Basically, it is REALLY OLD, ANCIENT lit. And I WILL make it FUN. THIS IS MY FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH :)



Grading Scale:

A= 90-100 B=80-89 C=74-79 D=70-73 F=Below 70

Grading Policy	
Practice Work: Daily Classwork, Notes, Homework	40%
Assessments: Tests, Quizzes, Essays, Projects	40%
Final Exam or EOCT/Milestone	20%

Classroom Rules:

BE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Prepared● Present● Respectful● Real
-----------	--

Classroom Rules and Consequences: Teachers have a right to teach, students have a right to learn, and there should not be anybody or anything that interferes with that process. Students will be expected to follow both classroom rules, school rules, and the Henry County Student Code of Conduct. Students who choose to violate class and school rules will be given reasonable consequences based on school policies and expectations.

- The Academy for Advanced Studies will adhere to a 3-step referral process when students commit a minor violation of the code of conduct.
- Major violations will be handled by the administration.

Tardy Policy: Students must be seated and ready for class when the bell rings. Students who are not in the room **once the bell rings** and **after the door shuts** will be considered tardy. If you are late for class, you will be subject to consequences based on the school procedures.

- The first tardy will be documented in IC and on a referral.
- After the 2nd tardy, your parent will be contacted.
- After the 3rd tardy, a school administrator will be contacted.

Phone/Electronic Device Usage: Students will not be allowed to use phones during class time **unless it is being used with the teacher's permission for educational purposes**. Cell phones may only be used between class change. Students who use a cell phone in class will be given a warning and asked to put the phone away; the warning will be documented on a 3-step referral.

- Laptops and Chromebooks will be used most days in class. These tools allow us to complete many assignments.
- Google Classroom will allow you to keep up with your classwork and turn in assignments digitally. Copies of assignments and links to important resources will also be posted on Google Classroom.
- Due dates for assignments will be posted on Google Classroom.

- Many assignments will require home internet access and a personal computer. There will be days that Mrs. Edwards requires students to have a laptop, Chromebook, or tablet in class. Students that do not have a device or have forgotten their device will be allowed to borrow one from the school when necessary.
- If a device is distracting a student from an assignment or distracting the learning of others, the student will be asked to put the device away and issued a warning.
- If a parent needs to make emergency contact with a student, please do so by calling the front office at 770-320-7997.

Absences/Make-up Work: Being present and participating in class every day leads to academic success. However, if you must be absent, speak to Mrs. Edwards or email her to inform her of your absence.

- Classwork and homework assignments will be posted on Google Classroom. Students are welcome to complete those assignments digitally when absent.
- If a student has missed a quiz or a test, he/she must plan to make-up the quiz or test when it will not interfere with current classwork or assignments.
- Students that return to school after an absence on the day an announced quiz, test, or assignment is due will be expected to complete the quiz, test, or turn in the assignment.
- Students have TWO days to make up a missed assignment (including classwork, tests, or quizzes) once they return from an excused absence for full credit. Students have ONE day to make up a missed assignment after an unexcused absence for full credit.
- Late assignments that are turned in will not receive full credit.
- If a student will be out for an extended period or for personal reasons, feel free to contact Mrs. Edwards or the counseling office so a plan can be developed for completing missed assignments.
- Extra help will be available for ALL students either before OR after-school by making an appointment with Mrs. Edwards in advance.

Classroom Supply List:

- Chromebook/laptop/home computer
- Google Classroom
- Home internet access
- Composition notebook
- 3 ring binder (1 inch or more)
- 5 dividers for binder
 - Warm-Ups
 - Openers
 - Notes
 - Writing
 - Practice Work
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- Blue or Black ink pens, pencils
- Markers and/or colored pencils
- Notecards

Communication: Mrs. Edwards loves communicating with parents and students and will be available to answer emails during school hours. Email is the quickest way to communicate with her for questions or minor concerns.

- During school hours, she is also available for phone communication from 7:45-8:15 am, during her planning period from 8:45-10:10, and after school until 4:30 pm.
- Outside of school hours, Mrs. Edwards will respond to email until 7:00 pm on school nights. When students are working on independent projects, she may extend those hours. On weekends and break weeks, she will check email periodically and respond when she is able to do so.
- Mrs. Edwards does her very best to respond to emails within 24 hours on school days.
- Parents and students are welcome to sign up for class texts through Remind. Mrs. Edwards will use this platform to quick respond to parent and student questions during the school day.

Academic Honesty: Cheating/Plagiarism is considered a serious matter. The parents of a student who has been involved in cheating or plagiarizing will be notified and the student will receive a zero for the assignment.

For this course, cheating is defined as, but not limited to the following:

- Copying anyone's answers to assigned work.
- Taking any information, verbatim for any source, including the Internet, without giving proper credit to the author.
- Looking onto another student's paper during a test or quiz.
- Having available any study notes or other test aides during a test or quiz without the teacher's permission (including cell phones or other devices that have internet access).
- Collaborating on assignments when independent work is expected.
- Submitting an assignment in which the majority of the work is not original to the student.