



## EN451—English IV Syllabus—Collierville High School 2007-2008

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Course Goals: EN451, *English IV Standard* is a course that seeks to integrate the standards of reading, writing, viewing and representing, and speaking and listening. Students will work to comprehend and produce a wide variety of texts, including traditional works of literature, practical and persuasive forms of communication that involve speaking and listening skills, and the use of appropriate technology and media forms. The course will emphasize the communication and critical thinking skills necessary to enable students to deal effectively with multicultural and ethnic diversity in a rapidly changing world.

### Assessment:

- **Participation grades:** group activities, peer evaluations, classwork, homework
- **Daily grades:** quizzes and other graded daily work
- **Major grades:** tests, projects, speaking assignments

### Grade Distribution: Quarterly grades will be computed as follows:

- Participation grades will account for 25% of the average.
- Daily grades will account for 25% of the average.
- Major grades will account for 50% of the average.
- Students and parents will receive an access code and may view grades on PowerSchool via the internet at any time.

### Required texts:

- *Elements of Literature: Sixth course*
- *Elements of Language: Sixth course*
- Copies of novels/plays: *Angela's Ashes*, *Beowulf* (Heaney trans.), *Brave New World*, *Frankenstein*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Hamlet*, *The Lion in Winter*

### Additional required materials:

- Blue or black pen & #2 pencil
- Loose-leaf paper and 3-ring binder with tabbed dividers (minimum of 3)
- Bound journal
- Highlighter, paper clips and/or stapler
- 3x5 note cards

### **Class policies:**

- You are responsible for reading and following the policies in the CHS student handbook and the Shelby County handbook. I will enforce all policies.
- You are responsible for reading CHS's **honor code** (agenda book p. 17) and may sign an honor pledge.
- Place all assignments in the designated location **before class begins**. Multiple pages **must** be secured with a paper clip or staple at home. Some homework assignments will be exceptions.
- **I will not accept late papers/projects** without prior approval. I rarely give approval.
- Unless otherwise instructed, all out-of-class assignments must be typewritten. You will use the standard **MLA manuscript format** (adopted by the CHS English Department) to "head" and "set-up" all papers.
- **I will not accept major writing assignments if any of the components are missing.** Specific components will be listed on individual assignment sheets.
- If you have notes or other items that require my attention and/or signature, put them in the designated location before class. I will return them to you as soon as possible.
- You will always have an assigned desk.

### **Class Assignments:**

- When you arrive each day, **bell work** will be on the board or overhead. Be in your seat when the tardy bell rings, and begin the work.
- I will provide you with a **schedule for each quarter** and/or unit of study. These outlines will also be available on my website. You must record specific assignments and due dates in your **CHS agenda book**.
- **If you are absent**, you have 3 days after returning to complete the assignments. It is your responsibility to find and complete the assignments. Test make-ups will be on Tuesday afternoons.
- **ACT practice**, including some grammar review, will be part of the curriculum.
- **Writing assignments** will consist of in- and out-of-class assignments. Some will be quick-writes, for classwork/homework grades. **Major writing assignments** will include creative, literary, expository, and persuasive writing—many of which will require research.
- The **literature** you will read will be **English Literature**, and will be presented **chronologically**.

### **Class Guidelines:**

These are general, but cover many specific situations. We will discuss many of those situations in class.

Be prepared.

Be respectful.

Be positive.

Get ready for a great year!