

**Senior Syllabus
2014-2015
(Tentative)**

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Course Description

This two semester course is designed to introduce the various literary genres through a study of works from ancient Mesopotamia through twentieth century Occident and Orient. Included is the prescribed vocabulary program, the expository writing program and the research paper.

First Semester:

Composition skills/modes:

1. narrative
2. definition
3. process analysis
4. persuasive
5. research

Vocabulary Workshop Common Core Enriched Edition Level G: units 1-7

Literature Book: *World Masterpieces* (selected readings)

1. Unit 1: Origins and Traditions
2. Unit 2: Sacred Texts and Epic Tales
3. Unit 3: Wisdom and Insight
4. Unit 4: Classical Civilizations
5. Unit 5: From Decay to Rebirth

Students will work on and complete a **Research Paper** during second quarter. A completed research paper is required for graduation.

Outside reading: students will have to read one book independently **each quarter**. There will be a test/writing assignment. We are reading the graphic novel **Maus** as a class the first quarter AND it will be a primary source for the research paper.

Second Semester:

Composition skills/modes (continued)

1. narrative
2. definition
3. process analysis
4. persuasive

Vocabulary Workshop Common Core Enriched Edition Level G: units 8-15

Literature Book: *World Masterpieces* (selected readings as time allows)

1. Unit 6: Rebirth and Exploration
2. Unit 7: Revolution and Reaction
3. Unit 8: From Conflict to Renewal
4. Unit 9: Voices of Change

Literature: *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare (third quarter)

Outside Reading: Students will have to read one book independently **each quarter**. There will be a test/writing assignment on each book. (See book list)

FYI

1. I usually get to school around 7:00 and stay until 4:00. If you need to speak with me or do make-up work, I am either in my room or in the faculty workroom.
2. My late work policy is pretty much what is in the handbook: the grade on the late homework assignment will be lowered one letter grade per day until the grade reaches "0." If you do not turn in a classwork assignment the day it is done in class, you will receive a zero.
3. No food or drinks allowed in my room. **You may not leave my room to go to the snack machines.**
4. Be on time to class. I close the door when the tardy bell rings.
5. Come prepared with books, paper, pens, etc. If you are not prepared for class, you will receive a zero grade. **You must have a three-ring binder for my class.**
6. Show respect to me, each other, and the items in my room.

Please donate a box of tissues!!!!

Please sign and return to me by Tuesday, August 19

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

