

English IV Syllabus

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Technical Information: This course does not provide computer instruction. You will be instructed in the content of the course only. If you have technical difficulty while you are taking the test, please have your counselor/proctor contact the High School Online office at 662.325.1457.

Textbook Information: Various texts per lesson to be found online or purchased by student. These are all by well-known authors and are readily available through online sites, bookstores or local libraries. The versions, publishers and pagination of the texts vary and will not conflict with class assignments, questions or discussion as they are assigned by titles and not page numbers.

Prerequisites: It is your responsibility to ensure that you have met any prerequisites required to earn credit for this course. Refunds will not be issued outside of the refund policy because prerequisites were not met prior to enrolling or taking the course.

Objective of the Course: The main objective of this class is for students to get a complete experience in literature, writing, research and critical thinking based on the Common Core Content Standards. Students will work to gain a better understanding of the different types of literature. In addition, students will be writing essays (both formal and personal), creating class presentations and other projects, reviewing grammar and punctuation rules, and increasing their vocabulary.

Discussion Board: Discussion boards are the online equivalent of class discussion. You are required to submit discussion board posts for this course. Involvement in discussion must be evident; this requires multiple original comments on a given topic. The questions/topics are already presented in the Discussion Board area. There is no exact right or wrong answer on discussion board questions; it is meant to be a forum for ideas, discussion, argument and opinion. You should explain and justify your comments clearly and reply to others' comments. I will comment on your posts, as well. Your participation in each discussion board will combine to count as one test grade for the course.

Exams: This course will have four exams. They will heavily emphasize vocabulary, as key terms are vital to the understanding of the concepts presented. Grammar and composition skills learned and practiced in each lesson will also be part of the grading rubric for each exam. No supplementary materials (notes, textbooks, reference books, etc.) can be used. We reserve the right to require any student to come to the High School Online office to take or redo any test. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and can result in an F in the course.

Mississippi State University's Student Honor Code will be enforced. To view this policy, visit [http://www.honorcode.msstate.edu/policy/Links to an external site.](http://www.honorcode.msstate.edu/policy/Links%20to%20an%20external%20site)

Project: Projects are required to be submitted through Canvas. It is the student's responsibility to ensure the material is submitted successfully.

Grades: You will receive a numerical grade for each lesson that you submit. The project grade will be included in the lesson grade. Your lesson grades will count as 1/3 of your final, and your tests will count as 2/3 of your final grade. As lessons and tests are graded, your grade will be posted in Canvas. While I strive to grade your lessons and tests in a very timely fashion, please note that there are certain times when there may be a delay in grading (holidays, weekends, etc.)

Final Grade: Once your final numerical grade is averaged, you will receive a transcript that shows your grade. The transcript that you receive is unofficial and cannot be used by your school counselor for grade posting purposes. Your school counselor will receive all official documentation.

The letter grade equivalent to the grading scale at your high school will be issued by your school. High School Online does not issue letter grades.

Communication with your Instructor: Outside of discussion board posts, all communication with your instructor should be via email. My personal email is msmith2@starkvillesd.com.

Course Completion and Graduation:

If you are graduating in the current school year, all coursework must be completed by April 1 in order to ensure that your official documentation is received by your school counselor in time for graduation. It is your responsibility to submit all lessons, discussion boards, projects and exams by this deadline.