



COURSE: ENGLISH 12

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Course Description:

This course is a survey of classical British literature from the Anglo-Saxon period to the Twentieth Century. Students will engage in critical listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities designed to integrate the strands of the language arts and further develop thinking and problem-solving abilities. This course fulfills the requirements needed for post-secondary education including college preparation.

Course Objectives:

To meet all objectives for language arts as set forth by the Alabama Course of Study and Madison City Schools.

Classroom Expectations:

- **RESPONSIBILITY** – Make sure you are always prepared for class and managing your time effectively.
- **RESPECT** – Please show respect to all of your peers, your teacher, and most importantly, yourself.
- **REMAIN POSITIVE** – You can do anything with the right attitude. ☺

Cell Phone Expectations

ALL electronic devices are prohibited to be used during the instructional day. This is from 8:12-3:28. This includes: cell phones, smart watches, earbuds/headphones/airpods, tablets, and personal computers (school issues laptops will be allowed). Discipline will be given to ANY student who uses an electronic device. If you bring your device to school, it MUST be placed in your bookbag. It cannot be on your person.

Tardy Policy

Students late to ANY class, without a pass, will report to a tardy scanning station. You will input your identification number on the pin pad. A tardy slip will be printed for you to report to class. Parent email will be sent for every tardy. Discipline will be as follows: 3 total tardies will result in 1 day of ISS; 6 total tardies will result in 2 days of ISS; Progressive discipline to follow.

Grading Policy:

Grades are based on a 100 point scale. We have two types of grades: daily grades (30% of final grade) and tests (70% of final grade). The percentage based grading scale is as follows: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (65-69), and F (below 65). Grades will be a reflection of mastery of the standards. Make sure all absences are excused as class work can be made up and graded for excused absences only. *Cheating/plagiarizing will be handled by the teacher at teacher discretion.

Exam Exemption Policy

Any student in grades 9-12 are eligible to earn an exam exemption for the 2025-2026 Exams for each class IF they have earned an 85% or higher as the final grade for that course. Any of the following will EXCLUDE a student from exempting for that class:

- More than five EXCUSED absences
- Any UNEXCUSED absence
- In School Suspension (ISS) for 3 days or more
- Out of School Suspension (OSS)
- One or more days of Alternative School placement
- Not participating in the state standardized assessment for their grade level (10th PreACT, 11th ACT with Writing, 12th WorkKeys, and AP exams)

Attendance and full participation in reviews and assignments for the class leading up to the day of the final exam are required.



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Make-up Work Policy:

Make-up tests will only be given to a student who has an excused absence. The student must make arrangements with the teacher to take a make-up test. Tests may be taken during Patriot Path with prior arrangement from each teacher. A student only has two chances (the next two Patriot Paths after the absence) to make up a test. All make-up tests will be administered in the designated classroom on the Patriot Path session roster.

Homework/Classwork: Students who are absent for excused reasons will be permitted to make up missed work. It is the student's responsibility to get their work assignments the day upon return to school and complete the assignments according to a time frame determined by the teacher within two weeks of the date of the last absence. Grades of zero will be assigned for assignments missed because of unexcused absences.

Text and Other Required Reading:

*****All books/texts will be provided by the teacher. The following are potential reading selections:***

Lord of the Flies - William Golding, ***Beowulf***, ***Frankenstein*** - Mary Shelley, Poetry by Coleridge, Burns, Blake, Byron, Keats, ***The Canterbury Tales*** - Geoffrey Chaucer; short stories and literary works (order of novel studies varies by semester)

Materials and Supplies Needed:

Spiral Notebook for vocabulary activities
Pencils

Laptops

Concerning laptop utilization: 1. Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. 2. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. 3. Neither the teacher, nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. 4. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.

I look forward to having a great year! I feel fortunate to have your son/daughter in my class this semester. With your son/daughter, please read the attached policies, then sign and date this signature page and have your son/daughter return to school. Please provide a current email address and phone number at which I can contact you should the need arise. Please contact me at school via my email with any concerns. The course syllabus is on my teacher page on the Madison City website for your reference.

Please sign/complete below to acknowledge that you have received, read, and understood the syllabus.

Student Name:	Parent Name:
Student Signature:	Parent Signature: