

Welcome to Language Arts III ☺

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Course Description:

Students taking the Language Arts III course will read and analyze the works of British and World Literature. Language skills are developed in conjunction with the literature, including critical analysis, essay writing, oral presentation, and group discussion. Throughout the course, students will reflect and interpret poetry, short stories, novels, and plays to understand the development and impact these ideas have had over time. A required research project will be given, related to areas of classroom study.



Possible Course Texts:

- Excerpts from *Beowulf*
- Excerpts from *The Canterbury Tales*
- *Macbeth*
- *Oedipus*
- *The Kite Runner*

Class Rules:

Please carefully read and remember the following rules so that we can maintain a positive environment!

- Always come to class prepared. Failure to bring all of the required materials to class will not only negatively affect your grade, but will also disrupt the learning environment for your classmates.
- The discussions that will be held in this classroom strive on your participation so please don't be shy! Your opinions are always valued and encouraged as long as they are relatable to our class. Do not hesitate to ask questions for further understanding.
- Plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Cheating or copying from another person or source is not acceptable and will be addressed according to school policy. (See your agenda).
- Our classroom should act as a community. It is extremely important for you to respect your teacher, your classmates, and yourself at all times. Negative attitudes and disrespectful comments will not be tolerated in our classroom.
- Technology will be embraced when it seems appropriate in the classroom. However, the use of cell phones/iPads/iPods when it is not teacher directed will result in a decrease in participation points. Continued use of inappropriate technology will result in a phone call home and a write-up!

Absences and Late Assignments:

- If you are absent, you must check the class wiki to keep up with the course materials. Please make every effort to complete the missed work to submit upon your return. Unless you speak with me beforehand, you must complete the assigned materials within two class dates.
- All assignments turned in late without absence will receive half credit if turned in by the next school day. If the assignment is over 2 weeks late, you will receive no credit.
- All tests/quizzes should be made up after school in the testing center within 5 days upon your return.

Required Materials

- Paper and a writing utensil should be brought to class every day so that you can take notes and complete assignments. A three ring binder with loose-leaf paper will accomplish this nicely. You may also opt to simply create a section for Language Arts within a larger binder. Being organized is a key component to your success in this class!
- It important that you bring the current class novel and all notes to every class in order to follow along with discussions.
- Please do not throw away any tests/assignments so that you are able to keep a record of your grade as well as use the materials for future assignments.
- Failure to bring all required materials will result in a point deduction in your participation grade.

Grading

Your grade for each marking period is based on the following point system:

- Quizzes 10-50 points
- Homework 5-20 points
- Essays/Writing 50-100 points
- Classwork 5-20 points
- Participation 5-20 points

***Please complete, sign, and return the attached form. THIS WILL BE ADDED INTO THE GRADEBOOK AS YOUR FIRST HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT!**

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand these policies and procedures.

Student's name: _____ Block: _____

Student's signature: _____

Student e-mail: _____

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand these policies and procedures.

Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's email address*: _____

Contact phone numbers: (H) _____

(C) _____

*If it is at all possible, please provide an email address where you can easily be reached. I often send emails to parents in order to communicate upcoming class projects or tests, and also to inform you of your child's progress. If you do not have an email address (or do not check it regularly), providing me with a phone number will suffice.

