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English IV – CP

**Course Description**

English IV is designed to strengthen students’ skills in reading, writing, and oral communication. Throughout this course, students will study and analyze a number of works of British literature as well as some World literature including poetry, drama, fiction, and non-fiction. Students are expected to read complete works of literature outside of class. In addition, the course will focus on the writing process and essay composition of expository, narrative, and literary texts. Special emphasis will be placed on the planning and writing of an argumentative research paper. Revising and editing will be a part of the written conventions; this will include punctuation, spelling, and grammatical structure as well as vocabulary studies. Using the conventions of language, students will be expected to speak clearly and listen attentively.

**Remind:**

Get information for English IV by using Remind. Text the message \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the number 81010 or go to the following link: rmd.at/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Follow the instructions to sign up. You’ll be promoted to download the mobile app.

**Textbooks**

* There is a set of textbooks in my classroom. These are property of **Sharyland ISD** and for your use, please respect them. *DO NOT* write in or on these books. Anyone caught defacing a book will be written up and face the appropriate consequences.
* Online textbook: <http://my.hrw.com>

Username: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Select Chapter (or Unit)

Select your selection and click “go”

* If your textbook record is not cleared, this could affect your graduation – diploma and transcript will be placed on hold until record is cleared. Your success depends on the use of your book and the required work.

**Required Outside Reading Assignments:**

*Lord of the Flies*

Reader’s Choice: *Animal Farm, 1984, Brave New World*

**Classroom Expectations**

* All rules in the SISD Student Handbook are to be enforced. This includes dress code, absences and rules in general. Anyone caught breaking the rules will pay the consequences.
* You must have your ID with you at all times.
* If you must leave the room, you must ask for permission and take the red pass.
* Pick up after yourself – return books, supplies to their place, dispose of trash.
* “All students will be given up to 3 additional school days to redo a FAILING MAJOR ASSIGNMENT but the grade will be no higher than a 70. The teacher has the option of assigning an alternative major assignment and may require additional tutoring, assignments, etc., as appropriate. The teacher will indicate in the gradebook that the assignment was redone.
* Late Work: “All students will be given 3 additional days to make up LATE MAJOR ASSSIGNMENT and may be required additional tutoring, assignments, etc., as appropriate (with a progressive grade penalty of 10 points per day.
* Make sure you take care of absences and tardies. Know the policy because this affects your grade, credit, and graduation.
* Be in your seat and ready to begin class as soon as the bell rings. All talking stops and journal writing begins.
* **The use of electronic devices is not permitted unless asked to use them by the teacher. If caught using them during class time, they will be confiscated. Know the policy and follow it.**

**Required Materials**

1. A folder for your daily/major work that is to be brought to class on a daily basis.
2. A blue or black **ink** pen.
3. 70-pg. one subject **spiral** notebook for notes and rough drafts
4. A composition book for journaling.
5. USB pin drive (strongly suggested)

**Grading System**

1. Class assignments, homework, quizzes, and any other assignments the teacher considers daily work will count **40%**.
2. Tests, group assignments, outside reading, and other assignments the teacher considers major will count **60%**.
3. Assignments not turned in will count as a zero.
4. Your research paper will count as **three major grades** during the semester. It is very important that you do your very best in completing this assignment and all the requirements that go with the paper before the final paper is due. Final paper must be **submitted on time.**

**Tutoring**

I am available for tutoring by arrangement. I am usually here no later than 7:30 a.m. and leave late in the afternoon. If needed, I can adjust schedule to meet earlier.

**Semester Exam Exemption Policy**

You may qualify for exemption in ANY course following the criteria below:

* A 90 or better average AND no more than 2 excused absences AND no more than 2 tardies.
* An 85 or better average AND no more than 1 excused absence AND no more than 2 tardies. (4th period – 2 excused absences and no more than 4 tardies)
* All absences must be excused to be exempt from that exam. The only absences that do not affect exemptions are school sponsored activities and ISS. ALL other absences (medical, pre-arranged, illnesses, etc.) count against exemption. Students must be present during semester exams, regardless of their exemption status. If a student is absent during a semester exam, the exemption will be waived and is no longer valid. If a student is absent during an exam, the teacher will enter an Incomplete or “I” for the student’s final grade. The student will receive one opportunity to take a semester exam upon returning only if the absence(s) is/are excused. Absences during exam week will result in loss of exemption for the exams administered that day. Qualification for exemption will be determined from current Skyward data.

**Statement for Academic Dishonesty**

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of our school. *No student shall cheat or copy the work of another. Plagiarism, the use of another person’s original ideas or writings as one’s own without giving credit to the true author, will be considered cheating, and the student will be subject to academic discipline that may include loss of credit for the work in question.*