**Davis- English IV Syllabus 2018/2019**

**Coach Davis**

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**Room - D109**

**Coach Davis' Schedule**

**1st**   English IV

**2nd**  English IV

**3rd**   English IV

**Advisory** (Except on Professional Learning Calendar Days/Late Start Wednesdays)

**4th**   English IV

**5th**   Athletics

**6th**   Conference

**7th**   Athletics

**English IV Course Description** This course is designed to explore British literature and to develop reading, language, literature, media, writing, research, and study skills.

**Semester One**

**First Nine Weeks**

**Literature:** *Beowulf*, *Canterbury Tales*: "The Wife of Bath", "The Pardner's Tale", *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.* Short Stories: "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight", "The Demon Lover". Poems: "Robin Hood and the Three Squires", "Passionate Shepherd to His Love", "Nymph's Reply to His Shepherd", "To His Coy Mistress", "To the Virgins, to Make  Much of Time", "Do Not Go Gentle", various Shakespearian Sonnets

**Writing:** College application essay, character analysis essay, creative writing essay

**Research:**Various assignments

**Second Nine Weeks**

**Literature:** *Macbeth,* "A Modest Proposal, Winston Churchill speeches, excerpts from *Night*

**Writing:** Literary analysis essay, speech

**Research:**Macbeth project, speech project

**Semester Exam**

**Semester Two**

**Third Nine Weeks**

**Literature:**from *Testament of Youth*, from *The Ghost Road,* various procedural texts

**Writing:**Research paper

**Research:**TBA

**Fourth Nine Weeks**

**Literature:**Novel: *A Brave New World*

**Writing:**Analytical essays

**Research:**Aldous Huxley

***IMPORTANT-PLEASE READ***

* All outside texts/books are provided by the school and are used in class.
* Most of the novels are read in class, but if you are absent, you will need to check out a copy of the book through our library.
* All essays are written in the classroom under the teacher’s guidance and supervision, for purposes of securing authentic student work and assisting students in the writing process.
* No essays that are written outside of the classroom will be accepted.
* Essays count as a TEST GRADE category, and as such, are weighted 50%.

 Throughout the year, we will be working on various grammar and punctuation skills, as well as vocabulary.  We will use *The Write Source text*, and classroom copies are available.  We will also be working on listening and speaking skills, as well as media literacy. Should you wish to check out a literature book, you may do so in the library.

**\*\*\*Consult my blog as an online resource for daily assignments, resources, and calendars for due dates on major projects\*\*\***

**Tutorials**

Tutorials wil be available in D109 on all advisory travel days - students are encouraged to attend tutorials during advisory times as my after-school schedule is hectic. After school tutorials are available - Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:15 (If I am not available in my room due to coaching duties, students can find me in the fieldhouse).

**Assessments**Class work, homework, participation, short writing assignments (journals, paragraph responses etc.), major essays/papers, quizzes/tests, and projects.

**Grading**

Major - Exams, Essays, Projects 50%

Minor - Quizzes, Journals 30%

Daily - Class Work, Homework 20%

**\*Late work**

Students may be permitted to turn in an assignment up to three school days past the original due date with a grade deduction of 25 points off of the grade earned.

**Homework**   All homework will be collected at the beginning of class unless otherwise instructed.  If it is not turned in at this time, it is late (points will be deducted accordingly).

**\***All minor/daily assignments associated with a major assignment must be turned in prior to the administration of the major assignment (exam/test).

**Please visit (**[**www.sfisd.org**](http://www.sfisd.org/)**) for more information.**

**Materials**

-          Loose leaf paper

-          Binder for notes, class work, essays, etc.

-          Pencils, black or blue pens, highlighters

-          Kleenex OR a pack of pens or pencils (to be stored in class)

**Classroom Policies**

**Be Respectful** - No one (student or adult) should feel uncomfortable or unwelcome in this classroom.

**Be Responsible** - Get to class on time.  The tardy policy is in the student handbook and on my bulletin board.

**Be Present** - Take care of your personal business on your time.  Bathroom and nurse passes are to be used sparingly. Do not enter or leave the class without a pass.

**Be Involved** – Pay attention, do your work, participate.

**SCHOOL RULES Must Be Followed**

**Dress Code**

Students are expected to know and follow the approved dress code.

**IDs**

Students must have ID badges.

**Tardy Policy**

Students must be inside the classroom when the bell rings or they are considered tardy and will have to go to the tardy station for a permit.

**10/10**

Students are not allowed to leave the classroom the first ten minutes or the last 10 minutes of class.

**Cell Phones**

Cell phone use is not allowed during instructional time.

The following procedures will be followed in the event that a student is using their cell phone when not permissible.

1st Offense - A verbal warning will be given to put the cell phone away.

2nd Offense - The phone will be confiscated for the remainder of class.  It will be returned at the end of class.

3rd Offense - The phone will be confiscated and turned in to the campus bookkeeper\*.  The student and/or parent will have to retrieve the phone after school and pay a $15 fine.

Failure to turn in cell phone will result in student being sent to the office, receiving an office referral, and having to pay the $15 fine.

\*In the event that a student refuses to follow the expectations, further disciplinary action will take place.

Cell phones may be used in between classes or at lunch but again not during instructional time.

Please be aware many teachers have testing policies that will ask you to turn in your phone before a test or quiz, you must follow these policies.

**Food and Drink**

Students are allowed to drink bottled water in class.  No food is permitted. No sodas, Sonic drinks, coffee, etc.