



ENGLISH 10 HONORS

2019-2020 SYLLABUS

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COURSE OVERVIEW

This is a reading and writing intensive course that covers major works of western literature from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. Our focus will be on literary analysis, rhetorical skills, and a biblical worldview. You will develop writing skills in the areas of organization, style, and voice.

TEXTS

The following texts are supplemented by a broad selection of short stories, poetry, and essays.

- Independent Reading Selection (summer)
- *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Edmond Rostand (summer)
- *Macbeth*, William Shakespeare
- *Beowulf*
- *The Hobbit*, J.R.R. Tolkien
- “The Knight’s Tale” from *Canterbury Tales*
- *Inferno*, Dante Alighieri
- *Paradise Lost*, John Milton

N.B. Literature has a unique way of reflecting the human condition, sometimes at its best and sometimes at its worst. Mature issues addressed in the texts will be approached prayerfully and with multiple viewpoints in mind (literary merit, historical context, Biblical worldview, etc.).

FILMS

Films are treated as texts as they foster discussions on intertextuality, revisionism, and tropes.

- *Cyrano de Bergerac*, in French with English subtitles (1990)
- *Macbeth*, Folger Shakespeare stage production (2008)
- *The Hobbit 1-3* (2012-2014)

SPEECHES

On numerous occasions, students are expected to speak in front of the class in both informal and formal presentations. There will also be 1 memorized recitation per semester.

CLASSROOM CIVILITY

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” Colossians. 3:12

There will be many opportunities for class discussions and debates. You are encouraged to speak your mind in a manner that is respectful of others with differing perspectives.

MAKE UP WORK | LATE WORK POLICY

You have one day for each excused absence to make up work. If unexcused, missed hw is due the day you return. If you know you will be absent, contact me ahead of time, NOT the day work is due. If you miss an appointment to make up a test/quiz, you will receive a zero. Late work penalties: 30 points the 1st day late, 50 points the 2nd day, then a zero. See the BCS handbook for details.

GRADING

- Participation, Engagement, & Preparedness (P.E.P) 10%
- Homework 20%
- Quizzes 30%
- Tests (including major papers and projects) 40%

Unless otherwise noted, assignments should be turned into the tray *at the beginning of class*. Work placed in the wrong tray will be considered late. There are at least three test grades per quarter and a final exam at the end of the semester. A research paper is assigned in the 2nd semester.

P.E.P. GRADE – Reflects student engagement in class and preparedness (brings materials to class, participates in discussions, completes bellwork, etc.).

RETURNED WORK – Shorter essays will be graded and returned to students approximately 1 week from the due date. Longer essays will take approximately 2 weeks.

FEEDBACK – Students can expect a range of feedback. Many writing assignments are returned with feedback. Shorter or informal writing may be graded with little to no comments, especially when the focus is on practice. Twice a year, I conduct individual writing conferences with students.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

- Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism and cheating, will result in a zero and a referral.
- Bring your book and binder to class every day. Consequences include a tardy and/or zero.
- All formal writing will follow MLA guidelines. This is consistent with college English courses.
- During tests and quizzes, place your backpacks and all other belongings against the wall.
- Use a pink slip for late work, missing work, and makeup work.
- You will write and sign the honor code at the bottom of every test.
- Use a blue or black pen for all homework, quizzes, and tests. No pencils, please.
- At the top of all your work, you will print your full name and date.
- No spoilers! If you have already read a book or watched a film adaptation, don't spoil the plot.
- Write clearly and legibly. Illegible assignments will be marked *Incomplete* and you may be required to rewrite or type your work. Feel free to type any take-home assignments.
- You **MUST** get permission to eat or drink in my class.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

RENWEB – If there is a discrepancy between RenWeb and what is on the board, I defer to RenWeb.

LEECLASSROOM.COM – class notes, rubrics, and resources (Password: 2COR4)

GOOGLE CLASSROOM – online writing assignments and discussion boards

REMIND.COM – text announcements and reminders (Text @bcs10h to the number 81010)

TURNITIN.COM – submit formal essays, plagiarism reports (Class ID: 21747194 / Password: beowulf)

*“There is always the danger that we may just do the work for the sake of the work. This is where the **respect** and the **love** and the devotion come in – that we do it to God, to Christ, and that’s why we try to do it as beautifully as possible.” ~Mother Teresa*