

12th Grade Honors Language Arts--Mr. Chambers Classroom Rules and Procedures

This course, intended for college-bound seniors, will be chiefly concerned with:

- Vocabulary development
- Oral communication
- Composition
- Literature analysis

Course expectations

Students enrolled in this class must come to class prepared every day by doing the following:

- Be in the room before the bell rings and in their assigned seats for attendance (being just outside the room as the bell rings does not constitute being present).
- Have all appropriate materials on hand (i.e. pencils, pens, texts, etc.) and be ready to work.
- Bring your agenda book every day in order to keep track of assignments and due dates. I cannot stress the importance of planning enough, especially in a college-bound course. All class activity will be chronicled on Moodle.
- Keep your laptop in working order.
- Keep in mind that your laptop is a tool, not a toy.
- Participation will be a large part of your grade, and will be assessed on the following elements:
 - ⇒ In class, verbal participation
 - ⇒ Written in-class work (i.e. literature responses, journals, etc.)
 - ⇒ Your ability to schedule and meet with me for conferences on major writing pieces.

Grading procedures/requirements

- Grading is based on total points for each assignment (tests, quizzes, projects, essays, speeches, presentations) per quarter.
- Students must maintain a 60% to pass each quarter and must earn a cumulative average of 60% to pass for the year.
- Comprehensive final and midterm examinations will be given in Language Arts 12 H.

Tardy Policy

- Coming late to class disrupts the flow of instruction and interferes with your classmates' learning. Please be aware of this. If you must be tardy to class, come in quietly, place your pass on my desk, and take your seat immediately without disrupting the class.

Make-up Policy

- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what work you missed (including notes, handouts, assignments, assigned due dates, etc.). Please see me as soon as possible for any additional clarification. Remember that unless extenuating circumstances prevent you from handing in an assignment (such as an *official* absence), **ALL** work is to be handed in on the predetermined due date. Major penalties will be exacted on late work. For a further explanation, please refer to the late work policy handout.

Extra Help Policy

- Simply, please feel free to ask me for extra help! My email is jchambers@kasd.org

Lavatory Policy

- Unless you are in extreme distress, please refrain from using the facilities until classes change.

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Classroom Rules

- Please refer to your handbook for overall rules and regulations. Be forewarned, however, that in addition to these established tenets, you are also responsible for meeting our classroom rules.
 1. RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS
 2. KEEP YOUR EXPECTATIONS HIGH
 3. STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN WHATEVER YOU DO
 4. HAVE FUN (Or at least, try your best to have fun. We're only here for a short time, so we may as well make the best of it.)



Basic Breakdown of Course Content:

Literature (TBD):

Your Summer Reading
Beowulf, anonymous
Selections from *The Canterbury Tales*, Geoffrey Chaucer
A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
Hamlet, William Shakespeare
1984, George Orwell
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams
Into the Wild, John Krakauer

Poetry and Song Lyric Studies

Essay Critiques/Analyses

Composition

Persuasive

Process

Narrative

Research paper