



BRITISH LITERATURE COURSE SYLLABUS
Spring 2014
Lakeside High School

Teacher(s): Mary Firth
Room Number: 1405
Semester: Spring 2014
Textbook: *The British Tradition*
Textbook Price: \$61.97

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Tutorial Days: Mondays and Tuesdays
Tutorial Hours: 3:30-4:00 or by appointment
Tutorial Location: 1405

Department Philosophy: Improve academic achievement through a rigorous, engaging curriculum.

Course Description: This is the second of two theme-related, literature-based, integrated courses focused on the study of British literature designed for students reading at or above grade level. The literature is chronologically divided into historical literary periods, beginning with the Restoration period and ending with the Twentieth century. We integrate literary devices, content, style, and cultural diversity, vocabulary, library and research skills, public speaking, various forms of composition, standardized test preparation, as well as the use of current technology into the semester's study. Students improve grammar and usage skills through guided exercises. We place emphasis on the development of critical and analytical thinking skills through classroom discussion and writing.

CCGPS Standards: We will thoroughly examine each goal and standard in the classroom, but the standards are available for personal reference online. They are also referenced in the curriculum map posted on FirthNotes.

Georgia Performance Standards: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Common-Core/Pages/ELA-9-12.aspx>

Course Outline:



Course materials are available on **FirthNotes**.

http://fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us/~MARY_S_FIRTH/

A detailed curriculum plan for the entire year is available in the “Resources” section, as well as a copy of the syllabus and all future handouts.

Final Exam: The final exam will be administered on the Senior Final Exam schedule, which will place the exam 2-3 days before the rest of the student body takes exams. **There will be no opportunity for exemption or early administration.**

Required Materials: Notebook, agenda, pen

Textbooks: Each student will be issued a British Literature textbook upon request. I will also provide a link/login for our online textbook, which is available at <http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com>.

Grading Scale (mandated by DCSS)

Area	%	Tests	15%
Homework	10%	Participation	10%
Projects	20%	Reading/Writing	10%
Daily/Classwork	25%	Final Exam	10%

Tardy/Detention Policy:

Teachers will close or lock doors after the bell and existing tardy policy will be enforced. A student arriving to class after the tardy bell rings is considered tardy. ***Students reporting 15 minutes after the tardy bell are regarded and treated as skipping.** Students arriving to school after 8:05AM will check in at the Attendance Office to receive an excused or unexcused pass. No student should be admitted to class without a pass from the Attendance Office.

Official Senior Skip Day: Does not exist. Our “official” holidays are January 20, February 17, and April 7-11. You are accountable for work done on every official school day, and any assignment issued on any *unofficial* “senior skip days” may only be made up with an *excused* absence. Note: college visits are *not* excused absences. In order to make up assignments from college visit days, your parent/guardian must notify me of your intention to visit a college *in advance*.

Late Assignments/Make-up Policy: Late and/or make-up assignments will only be accepted in accordance with the regulations outlined in the DCSD Code of Conduct. All missing assignments will be recorded as a zero (0) in the gradebook until the grade is resolved. All handouts are available in a notebook at the front of the classroom to all students at all times. **The very last day (Drop-Dead Due Date) is FRIDAY, MAY 9.** All outstanding zeroes in the gradebook must be resolved by 3:45PM on 5/09/14 or they will be permanent.

Plagiarism Policy: Students must submit original work. Those who take *any* word, image, or idea from outside sources must cite the source or be guilty of plagiarism. **Plagiarized assignments will be given zeros with no opportunity for revision.**

****The teacher reserves the right to adjust any section of the syllabus in order to meet the needs of students.**

NEW STUDENTS ONLY:

BY SIGNING BELOW, I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ THE SYLLABUS AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES FOR MARY FIRTH'S BRITISH LITERATURE CLASS.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parents: Please expect an email from me soon! It is the **best** way to stay in touch with me throughout the school year. If you do not use email, **please provide a working, reliable telephone number** so that I can keep you posted as the semester progresses.