

10th Grade Honors English Language Arts Syllabus

2019-2020 School Year

Instructor Information

Instructor

Ms. Roberts

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Office Hours

Every M, T, Th, Fr @ 12:24-12:54

General Information

Course Description and Objective

This course is designed to prepare students for success in following English courses through exposure to a variety of literary and informational texts. Students will regularly discuss, analyze, employ critical thinking skills and decision-making skills in this course. By the end of this course, students will be able to meet and exceed the Florida Language Arts Standards as defined for the 10th grade level.

Expectations and Goals

Students are expected to attend class regularly, fully prepared with materials and any assigned work completed. Students are expected to advocate for their learning and interests by actively measuring their progress and understanding of coursework through grade monitoring. Student are responsible for approaching Ms. Roberts with any difficulties that they may experience, including scheduling any additional time to review or complete coursework.

Student Success Looks Like...

Success looks different for each student for a variety of reasons. Students will be successful in this class when they:

- Actively participating in class activities, including but not limited to class discussions and group work
- Consistently striving for improvement (regardless of level) ESPECIALLY when running into difficulties
- Contribute to our classroom environment and community with intentional actions, thoughts and words

Communication Protocol

The best way to reach me is by email at ksrobert@volusia.k12.fl.us. Please allow 24-48 hours from the time of correspondence for a response. In addition, students are welcome to attend weekly office hours for assistance and inquiries regarding the course.

Course Materials

Required Materials

Students are expected to arrive to class every day with materials necessary for the course. Below is a general list of items students will need.

- Composition Notebook (no spiral)
- 2-Pocket folder with prongs
- Black or blue ink pen (no pencils!)
- Regular internet and computer access at home (Please speak with me regarding any issues with this requirement)

Required Text and Resources

Collections 10TH Grade Edition Textbook,

- A class set will be available for student use during class time. If preferred, students can check out a copy at the Media Center for at-home use. Students will also have access to an online version of the text through v-portal.

Websites

- Canvas: accessible through vportal. Check here regularly for assignments
- Remind: Will be used for reminders for assignments and important class info. Please consider downloading the app for ease of access. This is NOT a primary form of contact. Please attend office hour or email with any assistance needed.
- Other sites are likely to be added as the school year progresses. It is the student's responsibility to be signed up for all required sites.

Course Policies and Procedures

Attendance Policy

- Students are expected to attend class every day.
- If you are absent from class for any reason, it is your responsibility to attend office hours to receive missed work. Class time will NOT be used to explain missed work due to absence or lateness.

Electronic Device Policy

- In accordance with Volusia County Schools District Policy, cellphones can only be used with the express permission of the instructor (Ms. Roberts)
- When cellphones are not in use as instructed by Ms. Roberts, they should be silenced and out of sight, stored in the student's backpack. Storage on the desk or in a pocket is not acceptable.

Food and Drink Policy

- There is to be no food and drink consumed during class. Students are allowed to have bottled water.

Late and Missing Work Policy

- Any and all arrangements regarding changes in due date, for any reason, must be communicated with me prior to the assignment's due date
- Late and incomplete work will only be accepted during office hours.

Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty Policies

- Any students found to be engaging in academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating, copying the work of a classmate, or not properly citing information will be disciplined according to PRHS and District policy. The student will not receive credit for the assignment.

Inclusivity Statement

Right to Learn

- In Ms. Roberts' class, all individuals have a right to an educational environment free from bias, prejudice and bigotry. As members of Ms. Roberts' educational community, students are expected to abstain from participating in any acts of harassment or behavior which are designed to demean another student's race, gender, ethnicity, religious preference, disability or sexual orientation.