

**English IV Honors Syllabus**  
**Mrs. Marquez**  
**2020-2021**

*Welcome to your senior year!*

*The purpose of the information within the syllabus is to help you experience educational growth and success this final school year.*

*Please review this guide and keep it in your notebook.*

**Course Overview:**

We will be reviewing, analyzing, critiquing, connecting and much more regarding Fiction and Non-fiction Literature. In addition, we will be strengthening our vocabulary, grammar and spelling prowess that will meet the guidelines for college and career-readiness. Last, but certainly not least, we will be advancing our writing skills to include developing strong characterization, point of view flexibility, research of literary and rhetorical analysis, thematic connections, and overall creativity in writing styles. Overall, this class will bring out the creative, thoughtful side that perhaps has been undiscovered until now.

**Assignments:**

Essay- Gordon rule 6000 words-- 2 VLT essays- Rhetorical Analysis (in class), Literary Analysis (1000 words), Personal Narrative (750 words), Argumentative (1000 words), Research (1500 words), Definition by example (750 words), Expository (1000).

In-class Assignments- We will have several types of assignments in class such as “Analyze the Text/Media” and “Activities”, and in addition, we will have journal entries on a weekly basis.

**Attendance/Tardy and Make-up Work Policy:**

Any student that has an excused absence will be allotted 3 days from the date of their return to class to complete any missed work. If there is to be an extended excused absence, please contact me and we can arrange homework to be sent via email if the student is able to complete before coming back to class. Under no circumstances will unexcused absences be awarded the opportunity to make up any missed work. Regarding tardiness, unless the previous period teacher has excused your tardiness in writing to me, you will be deemed late by final bell.

**Classroom Rules:**

It is my policy that a student must treat their classroom in the same respect as they would if they were visiting someone else’s home. There will be no writing on desks, walls, etc. except for on paper for assignments only. Students must treat each other with respect, listen actively, participate in class discussions, and overall enjoy their learning experience without disruptions. There will be no tolerance for any behavior outside of those parameters.

**Communication:** It is best to contact me via email at [jamarque@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:jamarque@volusia.k12.fl.us) . You can also reach me on our class Team. We will further be using Canvas for completing much of our coursework.

### **Electronic Policies:**

It is the school's policy as much as it is mine, that absolutely no electronics (cellphones, iPods, laptops, notebooks, iPads, etc.) will be used during class time unless the assignment requires. Any electronic device will need to be muted and put away before stepping into the classroom. There will be no verbal warning. If a parent has an emergency and needs to communicate with their child, they must contact the front office and the administration will inform their teacher during that period. It is imperative that the students have an uninterrupted class time to succeed in their educational environment.

### **Grading System and Policy:**

Formative assessments are assigned 40% and Summative assessments are assigned 60% of final grades. Late assignments are unacceptable unless prior agreement was made between myself and the student of that particular assignment.

### **Materials/Texts:**

There will be a class supply of the texts and its sub-texts that will all remain in class. Students will need to obtain a copy of the memoir *The Glass Castle* to read at home in order to complete future assignments (pdf available online if you do not want to purchase). I also have a library that the students may utilize within my class, for any fun reading they would like to do outside of class.

### **Supplies:**

Each student must bring to class everyday: 2 pens (black ink only), 2 pencils (mechanical preferred), 1 composition notebook (to be left in class), a portable flash drive, and at least 2 highlighters. There may be additional supplies they will need throughout the year, but I will give advanced notice of such items.

I look forward to this exciting and important year and I hope that you do as well. Have a great senior year! Go Panthers!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marquez