

DeLand High School/Course Syllabus

Teacher: Ms. Watkins

Term: Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

Course Name: English 4

Course #: 1001400E

Textbook: Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt Florida Collections; other materials; additional literature; novels to be determined

Other Materials Needed:

- * 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binder
- * Pens (dark blue/black only); pencils
- * Notebook paper
- * Project materials

Course Objectives:

- * Students will determine ways people have opposed injustice throughout history.
- * Understand how writers synthesize information from more than one source to create an informative essay.
- * Students will find evidence from text.
- * Students will use evidence from text to support writing, discussions, projects, and presentations.

MAJOR UNITS/TOPICS/THEMES:

Collections Units:

Semester 1:

Collection 2: Gender Roles

Collection 3: Voices of Protest

Semester 2:

Collection 5: Taking Risks

Collection 4: Seeking Justice, Seeking Peace

Major Projects:

Semester 1:

VLT: Argumentative Essay

VLT: Informative Essay

PT: Group Discussion

PT: Satiric Meme

Semester 2:

PT: Present a Speech

PT: Media Activity

Novel Study - Second semester: The Things They Carried, or an appropriate ELA Department/PLC/Grade Level-based selection.

Drama Study - Second Semester: Hamlet, or an appropriate ELA Department/PLC/Grade-level based selection.

Personal Narrative - Teacher/Student Choice (can be completed any time throughout the year).

Methods of Assessments:

Diagnostic: 0%

Formative: 40% (quizzes, assignments, warm-ups)

Summative: 60% (Tests)

Make-up Work Policy: Parents and students should refer to the school's policy as found in the Student Handbook for acquiring and receiving credit for all make-up work.

Grading Scale (established by Volusia County Schools):

90 - 100 A

80 - 89 B

70 - 79 C

60 - 69 D

0 - 59 F

Class Size Amendment:

There are a number of core courses at DeLand High School that are covered by Class Size Amendment. According to this state mandate, class size may not exceed 26.5 students in these classes. To be in compliance with Class Size Amendment, students who are failing at the interim date may be subject to removal from this course.

Teachers Authority to Override Final Grade: A teacher may override the final grade if a student's overall performance warrants it. Before the grade override is finalized, the teacher must notify the parent/guardian concerning the student's performance if the override may result in a lower final grade. The teacher may issue a failing grade override based on the student's overall performance only with the approval of the principal. This refers to the final grade of the grading period, or the final grade for the course.

Academic Dishonesty Policy:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Cheating on a test, paper or project will result in a 0 for the assignment and a referral. Sharing and/or copying on homework or class work assignments will result in a 0 for all students involved.

Class Rules

Guidelines for Success in English 4/Ms. Watkins

- Attend school daily
- Immediately upon arrival in class all student cell phones must be turned off, deposited in the wall receptacle provided, and retrieved only at the end of class following the teacher's permission
- Arrive with necessary supplies
- Participate appropriately and respectfully with peers, teacher and others in the classroom
- Respect the property of others
- Complete one's own work and submit work on time
- Follow all school code of conduct policies

Passes:

No passes will be issued during the first and last 10 minutes of class. Time between classes should be used for personal business. Time out of class will be recorded.

Make-up work:

DeLand High School make-up work policy will be followed.

Assignments:

Assignments will be turned in at the beginning of class or at the end of class when required. Assignments, tests, and quizzes will be posted in the room with due date noted.

Tutoring:

If extra help is needed, it is the student's responsibility to contact Ms. Watkins and make arrangements for tutoring.

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Dear Parents and Students:

Please sign and return after you have read this entire document indicating you have read and understand the Course Syllabus/Class Rules for English 4, Ms. Watkins, Teacher.

Should you have questions or need to contact me please call [\(386\) 822-6909](tel:3868226909) or email mwatkins@volusia.k12.fl.us.

I look forward to meeting you and working with you and your student this school year.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian's e-mail:

Contact Numbers:

Home

Work

Cell