DeLand High School

International Baccalaureate English 4 (HL) Syllabus

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CLASSROOM: 8-203

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The International Baccalaureate curriculum for the 2021 exams and beyond has been revised and reformatted. A Learner Portfolio is a required element of the DP Program.

Students will be responsible for completing an externally evaluated essay (1200-1500 words), an oral exam, and will sit for two HL English Literature Exams in May.

This year we will begin with short stories, move to poetry, and finish with drama. Through these works we will be learning about the three areas of exploration (Intertextuality, Readers/Writers/Texts, Time & Space) and the seven concepts (Identity, Culture, Creativity, Communication, Perspective, Transformation, Representation). Assignments will support investigations into those areas.

1st Nine Weeks- The Short Works of Marquez, Liu, and Danticat

2nd Nine Weeks- Neruda, Tang Dynasty Poets, Nye/Angelou/Smith/Harjo

3rd and 4th Nine Weeks- Drama- Hadestown, Shakespeare, Moliere, and Williams

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Notebook: The student’s binder should be organized as a collection of work divided into THREE sections: Notes/Vocab,

Writing, Resources.

Make-up Work: All Make-up work is the student’s responsibility.

Classroom Plagiarism Policy:

Plagiarism: Using someone else’s ideas or phrasing and representing those ideas as your own, either on purpose, or through carelessness, is a serious offense known as plagiarism. Any research (internet, book, magazine, musical lyrics, etc.) should be properly cited so that credit is appropriately given. If a student is caught plagiarizing, they will receive a zero for the assignment and will be brought before the IB Coordinator on an IB Ethics Violation.

Discipline: All students are expected to follow the rules for behavior outlined in the student handbook. Major violations will result in an administrative referral. Students are expected to respect classmates, school materials, and the teacher at all times.

Class Rules:

1. Be in class on time and prepared (Books, Pens/Pencils, Assignments).

2. Respect your learning environment, your peers and your instructor.

3. Focus on the task at hand.

4. Always give your best effort.
5. Maintain an appropriate level of discussion.

PROGRESS REPORT DATES:

Reports will be given out every four and a half weeks. Please let me know if you need progress reports on a more frequent basis for Sports, Clubs, Academic Probation, Parental Request, etc.

***Please note that the syllabus is merely a guide, and the teacher reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus as needed to meet the needs of the individual or class.

Parents,

I look forward to working with you and your child. I need you to be my extra eyes and ears outside of the classroom, so that we can push your student to give his/her all. Please feel free to contact me by emailing me at alfinkle@volusia.k12.fl.us.

PLEASE READ: IB Parents, please keep an open mind in regards to the texts chosen for class use. Your students will be reading adult level texts that may contain some adult language, content and themes. These books have all been approved by the International Baccalaureate Headquarters and provide an opportunity for your students to explore the human experience that will allow them to better identify and access the IB Learner Profile.

I have read my son's/daughter's course syllabus and understand what is expected of him/her.

Date______________________
Parent/Guardian Name (Print) ________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature_____________________________ ________________________________________
Contact Information:
Best Phone Number____________________________
Email Address:____________________________________________________________________________
I have read the syllabus and understand what is expected of me as a student.

Date_____________________
Student Name (Print) ______________________________________________________
Student Signature_________________________________________________________

Any additional information you would like to share with me:

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