

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

ENGLISH 4

MRS. BORS

Your final full semester as a student of English at McQuaid will culminate in the study of several dramatic works that are central to the literary canon. These works are: *Beowulf*, *Hamlet*, and *Death of a Salesman*. As we delve into the depths of these artistic works in class it is expected, as always, that you will continue to complete outside reading novels. You will find the assigned due dates for these novels below. The central themes of the semester are twofold. We will be delving into the nature of identity and also the role of the hero in literature. As the texts lend themselves readily to personal experience, students will be encouraged to interpret the readings in terms of their own understanding and experience, as well as the more familiar analytical mode. Several novels will have daily quizzes to ensure that classroom discussions are as lively and productive as they should be. Vocabulary exercises will be assigned weekly as preparation for the October and November SAT 1 tests.

It is my belief that our pursuit is not of knowledge for its own sake, but the truth that lies therein. The truth lies in the words, and in ourselves. It is my goal to have literature reflect or even amplify your own beliefs. Or if the ideas presented in the works counter your values, call them out for what they are. We will speak truth, examine truth, write truth, and perhaps we can learn to live these truths authentically in our daily lives.

ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES

DATE

Mon. 09/12
Mon. 09/19
Weds. 9/21
Mon. 9/26
Fri. 10/14
Fri. 10/28
Fri. 11/18
Fri. 12/02

NOVEL ASSIGNMENT

Summer Reading
Beowulf 1-35
Beowulf 36-65
Beowulf 66-173
Grendel – 1st half (Ch 1-6)
Grendel – 2nd half (Ch 7-12)
Frankenstein Test
Siddhartha Test

*****All novel tests include both objective and written responses to the reading*****

DATE

Tues. 09/13
Weds. 09/28
Tues. 10/04
Fri . 11/06
Fri . 12/02
Weds. 12/14

WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Summer Reading timed writing
College Essay
Beowulf Paper
Hamlet Paper
Hero Thesis
Final Exam Thesis

*****All papers will be submitted to Turnitin.com.on/before the due date*****

******Late papers are not accepted.** Papers are due at the beginning of class****