12th Grade British Literature

Mrs. Mendez — VHS 2026-2027

Welcome: I look forward to working with each of you this school year, and just as I will invest my time and hard work to create a safe, engaging learning environment, I expect each of you to set ambitious academic goals for this course. Have patience, an open-mind, and a willingness to learn as we navigate 12th grade British Literature together. Good Luck ☺

How to Reach Me:

1. salina.mendez@hcbe.net
2. HCSD Mobile App

Class Rules:

1. Be Respectful

Maintain a respectful and positive attitude towards the teacher and other students. Bullying will not be tolerated.

2. Be Prepared

Come to class with the necessary supplies. Complete all assignments and be ready to work.

3. Be Engaged

Give me your attention, curiosity, interest, and optimism. Be ready and willing to participate.

Course Objective: This 12th grade course explores literature from the British Isles with the study and use of oral and written communication. We will cover various literary eras, including all the major elements that make each European historical period unique and how the circumstances of each period influenced the literature of that time.

Unit One: Origin of a Nation
Unit Two: A Celebration of Human Achievement
Unit Three: Tradition and Reason
Unit Four: Emotion and Experimentation
Unit Five: An Era of Rapid Change
Unit Six: New Ideas, New Voices

Grading:

Major Assessments: 45%
At least 5 per semester
Minor Assessments: 20%
At least 8 per semester
Daily Work: 15%
At least 15 per semester
Final Assessment: 20%
Final Exam (Fall & Spring)

*This course includes a cumulative exam at the end of the semester.

Supplies Needed: Chromebook, Notebook Paper, Writing Utensil, and a Binder/Folder to Keep Notes in

Tissue and sanitizer donations are greatly appreciated!

*All students are issued a district-provided chrome book for instructional purposes, student engagement, and student learning. Chromebook use is at the direction and discretion of the classroom teacher.

Infinite Campus: Student grades can be monitored by checking Infinite Campus. Both parents and students have access to Infinite Campus and should check it regularly.

Classroom Library:

Reading is an integral part of this course, and there will be times when students will have the opportunity to read independently in class. Students may check out books from my personal classroom library and keep the books for any duration of time. If a book is lost or irreparably damaged, the student will no longer be allowed to check out books from me. The books in my library consist of a variety of genres and subject matter. If you do not want your child to check out books from my classroom library, please indicate so on the signature page by checking one of the boxes.

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Makeup Work: You must attend class regularly in order to be successful in this course.

If you are absent, it is **your responsibility** to obtain missed notes/ assignments and schedule a time to complete quizzes/tests. Be sure to check Canvas while you are out.

You have **five days** to make up the missed work. After five days, the missed assignments will **not** be accepted.

Late Work: You will receive half credit for up to five days after the due date for late assignments.

After five days, you will receive a **zero** for the missing work.

Text Replacement Cost: In this course, we will use the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *Into Literature* 12th Grade textbook. If a student loses or damages a book, he/she will be responsible for paying a replacement fee.

Retest Policy: Students may retake **TWO** major assessments per semester within one week after the grade is returned. Students may not retest if they were found cheating or plagiarizing. Students may not retest if the task was never initially completed.

Cheating and Plagiarism: If a student is caught plagiarizing, he/she will receive a zero as a placeholder, until the assignment is retaken. If the assignment is not made up, the zero will remain. In addition, your parent/guardian will be notified and you will receive ISS.

Plagiarism is **NOT** tolerated at VHS.

Curriculum Info: The curriculum for this course is aligned with Georgia's K-12 English Language Arts Standards.

Visit gadoe.org/learning/english-language-arts/ to view the standards for this course.

Canvas: Canvas will be used for course assignments and reminders for homework, quizzes, and tests. Students should be familiar with how to navigate the online platform and submit assignments on time.

Accessing Canvas:

Step One: Find the Canvas app on the SSO Portal on your Chromebook.

Step Two: When you initially sign into Canvas, you should see your VHS courses. Select "British Lit/Comp."

Step Three: Review the platform to learn how to successfully navigate Canvas if you are a new user. Notes and assignments for each unit will be posted under the "Modules" tab.

HCSD Mobile App- Apptegy: Search **Houston County School District** in the App Store to download. This year, we will use Apptegy Rooms to share class announcements, important updates, and reminders, as well as communicate with families. Please log in using the information provided by the school and enable notifications so you don't miss important information.

- For more information, visit https://www.hcbe.net/mobileapp

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Student Name: _____ Class Period: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Email is my primary method of contact. Please ensure that you list a working email that is regularly checked.

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Questions/Comments/Concerns about your student: _____

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Classroom Library: (See box in bottom right corner of pg. 1)

☐ Yes, my child may check out books from Mrs. Mendez's library.

☐ No, my child may not check out books from Mrs. Mendez's library.

By signing below I acknowledge that I understand the expectations of Mrs. Mendez's class. I agree to not only abide by the rules and procedures described in this syllabus, but also all rules outlined in the Veterans High School student handbook. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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