

Mrs. Barnes
12th English Syllabus

Course Overview

In English 12 we will read the traditional genres of British literature—novels, short stories, poems, essays. At the same time, we will study a variety of ways of writing and explore methods of argument and persuasion. We will also target grammatical and critical thinking skills pertinent to the ACT test. The course aims to help you become a skilled reader and writer, ready for college or career.

Course Materials

3 ring binder
Loose leaf paper
Pen/pencil/highlighter
Composition book with sewn binding

Barnes' Wish List:

Box of tissue
Paper Towel
Copy Paper
Clorox Wipes
Hand Sanitizer
White Board Cleaner



Course Policies

Attendance/Absences/Makeup Work: Your presence (mind and body) in class is essential. If you must miss class due to illness or other circumstances beyond your control, it is **YOUR** responsibility to find out which assignments you missed, to acquire the handouts, and to borrow and copy the class notes for the day(s) you were absent. **Do not interrupt class to ask about missed assignments. See me before school/class, during break, or after school/class.**

Classroom Rules/Expectations: I expect you to be in class and ready to work when the bell rings. Have your assignment ready to hand in if one is due. In order to foster a safe learning environment for every learner, we must respect each other's right to learn.

Plagiarism/Cheating: I begin the year with complete trust and faith in each of you. Please do not abuse that trust by being dishonest. Learning cooperatively is great, and I encourage you to get together to brainstorm and discuss assignments. When you sit down to complete an individual assignment, however, let the work be yours alone. Penalties for plagiarism—another word for cheating—are stiff. **If two papers resemble each other too closely, or if a paper is obviously copied, whether from a classmate's work or from the Internet, it will receive no credit.**

Grading Policy

All major grades (tests, projects, extended essays) count as 65% of your average. Minor grades (quizzes, weekly work, and short writing assignments) count as 35% of your average. Please see the student handbook for breakdown of semester and yearly averages.

Parent/Student Square is vital to staying on track with assignments, test reminders, and opportunities for extra credit. Please download the app and sign up as soon as possible.

Lesson Plans: Lesson plans may be found on the school website:

[Gophslions.com](#)>[School Staff](#)>[Pamela Barnes](#)>[Links](#)>[Barnes Lesson Plans](#)

English 12: Barnes

Student/Parent/Guardian Information Sheet

*PLEASE RETURN TO MRS. BARNES

Student Printed Name: _____

I, _____ (Student signature), have read the syllabus and fully understand the expectations and rules of Mrs. Barnes' class.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

I, _____ (Parent/guardian signature), have read the syllabus and fully understand the expectations and rules of Mrs. Barnes' class.

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

What is the most reliable/preferred way to contact a parent and/or guardian?

Phone call, text, or email? Circle one.