

CLASS SYLLABUS

-English IV- British Lit & Myth

HELENA HIGH SCHOOL: 2023-2024



- Course - DESCRIPTION

This class will delve first into British Literature across the ages in Semester 1, then World Mythology in Semester 2. Throughout the year, each unit will be guided by an essential question touching upon a year-long-central theme:

How does literature reflect the human experience?

Topics:

British Lit: Chaucer and the Medieval period, Shakespeare and the Renaissance, Satire and the Restoration, Poetry and Romanticism, Mystery and the Victorians.

Myth: Creation Stories, Tales of the Apocalypse, Tricksters, and Heroes.

CLASSROOM & BENGAL - Expectations -

Students are expected to follow classroom rules and procedures as well as school-wide policies for behavior.

- Be Respectful -

- Honor the opinions and beliefs of others. We all benefit from the ideas and experiences of those around us.
- **LIMITED PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE IN CLASS--** Use only for class-related work. Otherwise, it should be put away & silent.
- Treat the classroom and its contents with care.
- Classroom materials, including books, are not permitted to leave the classroom without express permission from an instructor.

- Be Responsible -

- Arrive on time and be prepared. You will need:
 - 1 ½" - 2" binder
 - Writing utensils in varied colors (black/blue and at least one brighter color)
 - loose leaf or perforated notebook paper.
- Ask for assistance if you do not understand what is expected of you in class or on an assignment.
- Please limit your time out of the classroom during class time.
- Absences: It is YOUR responsibility to see a teacher about makeup work.

- Be Involved -

- Contribute to class discussions.
- We will establish class norms at the beginning of the year to help ensure a respectful, safe, and comfortable learning environment for all students.
- Ms. Clark is always ready to support each student's educational and social-emotional needs; please message her if you need help or have concerns.

- Be a Graduate -

- English IV meets one of the 4 English credits (23 HPS Graduation Credits total).
- You are your community: your behavior reflects not only on yourself, but also on this class and the school as a whole.
- (See back for Grading and other policies).

About the Teacher

Hi! My name is Jenna Clark. This is my 13th year teaching at HHS. I have developed my passion for British Lit and Myths through travel-- my favorite place is Scotland.

I can sometimes be socially awkward, but love to talk literature and big ideas. My favorite literary genres are sci-fi, fantasy, and mystery, but I also like crime and ghost stories. I'm mom to two human children, plus two dogs, three cats, and six chickens. I like gardening, baking, watching movies, and listening to history or true crime podcasts.



Reading

Recommendations:

Sci-Fi, especially Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse Five* and Douglas Adams's *Hitchhiker's Guide* series; Mythology retellings like Neil Gaiman's *Norse Mythology* and Stephen Fry's *Mythos*.

CONTACT INFORMATION

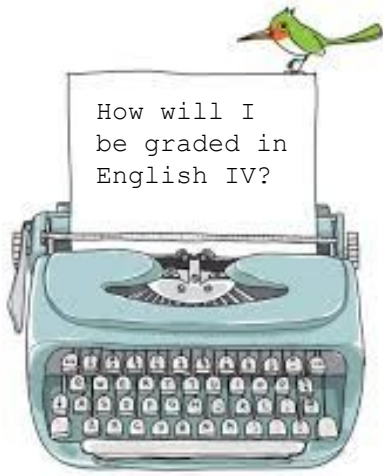
406-324-2303

jclark@helenaschools.org

MsClarkHHS@gmail.com

Teams: @jclark

HHS ENGLISH IV: British Lit & Myth 2023-2024



English IV is graded in the following three categories:

Practice:

New skills, standards, and content that students are learning for the first time. The intention is to practice to gain proficiency.

- Examples of practice work are graphic organizers, grammar practice, introductory assignments, etc.
- Accounts for **10%** of each quarter grade.

Formative:

Evaluating the students' knowledge as they learn. This is a method of on-going assessment and it involves questions and exercises to help monitor learner progress toward course objectives.

- Examples of formative work are essay rough drafts, quick write assignments, and daily class discussions.
- Accounts for **30%** of each quarter grade.

Summative:

Assessments administered at the end of an instructional unit. These assessments are intended to evaluate student learning.

- Examples of summative assessments are final drafts of essays, cumulative projects or presentations, and end-of-unit tests or quizzes.
- Accounts for **60%** of each quarter grade.

Grading Scale

A Range 90%-100%

B Range 80%-89%

C Range 70%-79%

D Range 60%-69%

F 0-59%

S1= (Q1 45%)+(Q2 45%)+ (Exam 10%)

Late Work

- Formative and summative assignments will be accepted and graded up to **FIVE** school days beyond the final date of the unit.
- No late work will be graded for practice assignments.



Academic Honesty

- This class is about developing your own original voice and writing. **Plagiarism will earn you a zero** and will result in a referral to building administration. See the Student Handbook for definitions of plagiarism.

Other Class Policies:

- **Bathroom:** You must notify the teacher before leaving class, take the pass with you, and limit time outside the class to a minimum. You may not take your phone to the bathroom.
- **Food/Drink:** Please do not bring food to class. Drinks are permitted. You are responsible for thoroughly cleaning any and all spills or messes you make.
- **Teams Chat:** You are always free to send Ms. Clark a chat with your questions, concerns, etc. but please note that messages may not be answered between 8:00PM-7:50AM or on weekends and holidays. This also applies to emails.
- **Agenda Emails:** Ms. Clark sends an agenda email to all parents/guardians each Friday describing the following week's plans.
- **Powerschool:** Grades will be updated weekly. Please be aware that some items may take longer to grade than others. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Clark anytime.

