**English 12 Syllabus – Instructor: Jennifer Beam**

**SCCHS 2017-2018**

English 12 is the study of British literature. It is a course designed to improve reading proficiency, expand vocabulary, and familiarize students with the rules and mechanics of grammar. Students will define poetic and literary terms, conduct extensive research into historical events, and write both formal and informal essays.

**Texts for this Class**

* *Writer’s Choice*
* British literature textbooks
* Grammar and Language Workbook
* A novel of my choice

**Supplies**

* Paper
* Pen or pencil
* Pack of copy paper
* Each period will be responsible for an item TBA

**Class Rules and Classroom Procedures:**

Appropriate behavior and respect for others is key to student success and learning. Students who are tardy, disruptive, disrespectful to others, or in any way impeding the learning process in my classroom will experience one or more of the following consequences: verbal warning, student conference, parental contact, referral to Assistant Principal, or Principal referral.

Students are expected to follow all district and school policies as stated in their student handbook.

1. No talking when someone else is talking. Raise your hand if you have something to say if we are not in the middle of open discussion.
2. No getting out of your seats and roaming the room. The bell does not dismiss you; I do.

* No violent words or actions against another person/group – even those not in the room.

1. **Cell Phone Policy:** 
   1. Use of cell phones and text messaging devices are prohibited during class time if I find such use disruptive to the class.
   2. I expect there will be times when we use devices for research and assignments.
   3. Be smart.
   4. Use etiquette and manners.
   5. If I find that you are taking pictures of your assignment and texting it to others, you will receive a zero and I will take up your phone.
   6. During an exam, your cell phone should be stored securely in such a way that it cannot be seen or used.
   7. The visible presence of such a device during an exam may result in a zero for the exam and is considered de facto evidence of cheating.
   8. I reserve the right to take away cell phone privileges upon my discretion.

**Academic Honesty**

* Cheating on any activity or assignment will result in a grade of ZERO for all parties involved. Plagiarism will also result in a ZERO.
* If you are caught cheating on a test, I will give you double zeros.
* During a test, talking = cheating. NO TALKING/NO PHONES
* It is not an excuse to claim ignorance of plagiarism. It is the students’ responsibility to be aware of what plagiarism is and not to commit it in the course of their studies.
* You are responsible for ensuring that anything you borrow is properly cited. In addition to direct quotes, plagiarism also includes the paraphrasing of ideas or passages from a text without documentation, the inclusion from a text of information not known to the general public without documentation, and the following of the structure or style of a secondary source without documentation. If you are *at all* confused, you may wish to consult resources on plagiarism available in the MLA handbook or visit http://owl.english.purdue.edu/.
* If a written assignment exhibits signs of plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty, I will contact the author for a formal face-to-face meeting. Further steps may follow depending on the circumstances.

**Make-Up Work Policy:**

You are expected to do your work on time. Keeping up with your workload will be difficult enough, but ***it’s easier to keep up than to catch up***. In the rare event that you miss class, please adhere to the make-up work policies listed in the student handbook for St. Clair County.

Feel free to e-mail Mrs. Beam at jennifer.beam@sccboe.org.

**Syllabus Signature Sheet**

I acknowledge that I have read the syllabus for English 12. I understand the content of this syllabus and acknowledge that I am responsible for adhering to class rules and procedures. I f I choose not to meet these expectations, I am willing to accept the consequences.

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Student Signature Date

I acknowledge that I have read the syllabus for English 12. I understand the content of this syllabus and acknowledge that my child is responsible for adhering to class rules and procedures. If he/she chooses not to meet these expectations, I am willing to support the teacher in her commitment to carry out the aforementioned/school policy consequences. I also acknowledge that my child will be reading classic and modern literature and discussing the topics covered within the texts. Some of these topics may involve various mature themes.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Parent Information (to be filled out by parent/guardian):**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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