

SYLLABUS
THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Course: 12th Grade Composition
Term: Fall 2013

Teacher: D.Dillard

Description of course/major objectives: This course will present a study of various modes, styles, and purposes of writing, with an emphasis on literary criticism. It will also explore the basics of writing a research paper. Grammar and mechanics will be a main focus as well.

Specific Class Rules/Policies:

1. All students are responsible for reading and abiding by the classroom rules posted in the front of the room.
2. School tardy policies will be enforced.
3. Gum chewing is frowned upon, and there will be no eating or drinking in the classroom.
4. **All students are responsible for having necessary supplies for class each day.**
5. Use of cell phones will not be tolerated in class.
6. **Students are responsible for finding out about make-up work. Whenever possible, papers should be turned in the day of the student's return. Work MUST be turned in within three days.**

Assignments and Grading Policies:

1. All assignments- essays and grammar work – are weighted the same.
2. All essays must either be typed or written in blue or black ink.
3. Students will lose points (approximately 10 points per class period) for late papers.

Students will be asked to compose essays in response to pieces of literature of varying lengths and genres. Students should be prepared to call on prior knowledge of stories, poems, novels, etc. and be ready to form new ideas from newly introduced pieces. Short compositions will accompany the longer analysis papers, and students should be committed to SUPPORTING their own ideas with evidence from literary sources and critics. PLAGIARISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL RESULT IN A FAILING GRADE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT.

Teacher Contact/Student Concerns: You may contact me via email at ddillard@southlandacademy.org.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

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