



Humanities  
English 12  
Course Syllabus  
Hull High School  
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**Course Description:** The semester-long Humanities course will place a strong emphasis on critical thinking while studying the “traditional humanities” of western civilization: history, religion, music, art, and philosophy through the study of literature, research, and writing. A major intent of the course is to help students understand their own world through a careful examination of western cultural heritage.

The work in this course is centered on reading, writing, note-taking, projects, testing, and discussion. Readings will include excerpts from longer works and supplemental non-fiction selections. Students will focus on several types of writing, including analysis and research-based assignments, as well as participate in Socratic Seminars and daily class discussions, and complete traditional tests and quizzes. Students will also be given an opportunity to see and respond to images of major works of painting, sculpture, and architecture.

**Course Objectives:**

As a result of instruction students will be able to:

1. Recognize the influences of the past on our present society,
2. Speculate about how the past and present might influence the future,
3. Appreciate values of western civilization other than their own,
4. Understand how the humanities reflect the culture that produced them,
5. Explain how aspects of culture have changed and developed over time.

**Required Reading:**

Selections from ancient literature

*Dante’s Inferno* (selections)

Greek Mythology

*Night* by Elie Wiesel

*Devil in the White City* by Erik Larsen

*Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

**Grading Policy:** Grades are based upon a point system. Typical point values are below.

Activity	Points
● Formal Writing/Projects .....	100
● Tests/Informal Writing.....	50
● Quizzes/Socratic Seminars .....	25
● Homework.....	5
● Class Participation .....	50 (per term)

### Class Rules and Expectations:

- All school policies and rules printed in the Hull High School Student Handbook will be enforced in the classroom.
- Come to class every day **prepared** to work. That means have your **charged** chromebook, reading book, and supplies with you.
- Be **polite** and **respectful** of all class participants – teacher, students, and other staff members in the class – at all times.
- Be **on time** and ready to work when the bell rings.
- Do not line up at the door. You must **remain at your desk** until the bell.
- No food or drink (except water) is allowed in the classroom.

**Plagiarism:** **Plagiarism** is defined as using another person’s ideas, words, images or data without giving that person credit or proper acknowledgement. Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty, and as such it will not be tolerated. You have committed plagiarism when you:

- Use quotes, phrases, or ideas that are not your own;
- Paraphrase the work of another even though you may have changed the wording;
- Use facts or data not considered common knowledge;
- Submit a paper written for another class;
- Submit a paper from an essay service even though you may have paid for it;
- Submit a paper by another person even though he or she may have given you permission to use it.

Plagiarism is a serious issue, especially in an academic environment. Teachers must be able to rely on the integrity of a student’s work in order to maintain a climate for successful learning. Plagiarism reflects on character; therefore, you should diligently avoid inadvertent plagiarism. When you are unsure if acknowledgement is needed, ask your teacher. The penalties for blatant plagiarism include loss of all credit for the assignment with no opportunity to rewrite, as well as disciplinary consequences per the HHS Handbook. This WILL significantly lower your final grade.

**Late Work Honors Level:** Homework is to be turned in **before** class – either on Google Classroom or in the homework bin if the assignment was on paper. **No late homework will be accepted.** You have signed up for an Honors class and my expectation is that you have the work ethic to complete your homework on time. Homework is an easy way to earn points. Do yourself a favor and do every assignment! Long-term essays and projects that are turned in late will be marked down ten percent for each day that they are late. Long-term assignments are not given extra time due to absences except in extreme circumstances. Please talk to me BEFORE the due date if your assignment is going to be late. Since all long-term assignments will be submitted via Google Classroom, they are STILL DUE even if you are absent. Please note that computer problems are not valid excuses for late assignments so **plan ahead!** No papers will be accepted after 5 days late.

**Late Work CP Level:** Homework is to be turned in **before** class – either on Google Classroom or in the homework bin if the assignment was on paper. Homework turned in after the start of class or later that day will be considered late. **Homework will be accepted for partial credit (50% of original grade) only within two weeks of the original due date. Vocabulary homework will NOT be accepted late!!** Long-term essays and projects that are turned in late will be marked down ten percent for each day that they are late. Long-term assignments are not given extra time due to absences except in extreme circumstances. Please talk to me BEFORE the due date if your assignment is going to be late. Since all long-term assignments will be submitted via Google Classroom, they are STILL DUE even if you are absent. Please note that computer problems are not valid excuses for late assignments so **plan ahead!** No papers will be accepted after 5 days late.

**Make-Up Work/Tests:** If you have an excused absence, it is **your** responsibility to find out what assignments you missed and to make them up. All assignments will be on Google Classroom the day they are assigned (or earlier). If you have any questions about missed work you must see me before or after class. If you missed a test or quiz for an excused absence, you must arrange a make-up by speaking with me upon your return to school. All assessments must be made up within one week (or arrangements made) or they will turn into permanent 0s.