

Foundations of English (Brit Lit) (English)

Required – Year – 11/12

Prerequisites: Department recommendation

Course Description

This course has been developed to further develop and maintain general English skills in the individual student. An emphasis will be placed on the study of British literature, short stories, speeches, and various writing skills.

Course Goal

The Christian teacher will:

1. encourage the use of intellectual abilities granted by God.
2. teach adequate writing skills for the student to enter the work force.
3. promote the proper use of written and spoken language in society.
4. develop the individual speaking skills of each student.
5. provide encouragement for each individual and their different abilities.
6. make life applications to lessons and assignments.

Course Objectives

The student should be able to:

1. develop the gifts that God has bestowed him/her.
2. appreciate and enjoy British literature.
3. understand development and structure in writing.
4. develop a written speech and present it to the class with confidence.
5. produce an original written report on a topic of choice.
6. understand the different time periods of British literature.
7. Evaluate literature from a Christian perspective based on God's Word.

Course Outline

Grammar Review
Job Service Unit
Speech
Selected Themes in British Literature
Select Novels relating to Themes
Narrative Paragraphs
Poetry
Short Stories
Descriptive Paragraphs
Life Writing Skills
Expository/Misc. Paragraphs

Instructional Strategies

Various methods will be used to present information to the students. These include: lecture, visual presentations, hands on projects, videos, cooperative group work, oral readings, books on tape, and self-study.

Grading

The following are methods of evaluation that will be used to determine a student's overall grade for each marking period.

Participation	10%
Daily Work	25%
Quizzes	15%
Projects and Speeches	15%
Unit Tests	20%
Semester Exam	15%

Rubrics or guidelines will be given to students for projects and speeches so that what is expected is clearly stated. Homework, tests, and quizzes will be graded on strict percentage. The following grading scale will be used:

A+.....100-97% B+.....89-87% C+.....79-77% D+.....69-67%
A.....96-93% B.....86-83% C.....76-73% D.....66-63%
A-.....92-90% B-.....82-80% C-.....72-70% D-.....62-60%

All late work will receive a reduction by 15% per period. If the assignment is more than three periods late, it will be recorded as a 0%

Student Materials

- “*England in Literature*” for British Literature (current year book)
- Three ring binder
- Loose leaf paper or notebook for taking notes
- Pens and pencils
- Novels may be rented from the teacher during the time period they are needed.

Classroom Procedures

All students are expected to behave in an appropriate Christian manner. Students are responsible for missed assignments. Make-up work should be completed in a timely fashion. Participation in class discussions is imperative.