



English 12: World and British Literature

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Welcome to your Senior Year! English 12 is designed to refine and advance each individual student and his/her ability to read, write, speak, and listen. Not only does this preparation assist each student in accomplishing his/her aspirations now, but also future endeavors – with an emphasis on college and career readiness.

Rules: Every student plays a role in building a classroom community where all learners feel safe. Students will be expected to:

- Be Respectful
- Be Prepared
- Be Engaged
- Be Creative

It is highly recommended that students and parents review Westlake’s policies listed in the student handbook (online), which will also be followed in our classroom.

Mastery of Concepts:

Students must demonstrate **mastery** of the concepts taught over the course of a unit. Mastery (TMU) is achieved by getting 80% or higher on each assessment including: tests, quizzes, essays, projects, presentations, etc.



- Students will be able to remediate the assessment.
- Students cannot pass the class without achieving mastery by the end of the term.
- After the end of each term, remediation results in **“Credit Only.”**

Academic Requirements:

Grades will be configured in Skyward using the weighted criteria:

- 50% TMU (Thunder Mastery Unit)
- 25% Assignments
- 25% Tests, Major Papers, and Projects

Late Work Policy: Each student will receive **one** “Grace Pass” per term.

Passes must be turned in, with the completed work, the day following the original due date in order to receive full credit.

An unused pass will be worth 10 points of extra credit at the end of the term.

ALL late work will receive **half credit**. Please don’t miss out on valuable points!

If a student feels he/she will have any difficulties completing an assignment on time, please speak to me **before the due date**.

Grade Scale:

The following grading scale will apply:

94 - 100 = A	73 - 76 = C
90 - 93 = A-	70 - 72 = C-
87 - 89 = B+	67 - 69 = D+
83 - 86 = B	63 - 66 = D
80 - 82 = B-	60 - 62 = D-
77 - 79 = C+	0 - 59 = “I”

There are NO negotiations for a higher grade than earned, as this practice is unethical. Grades are not changed indiscriminately for eligibility in sports, dance, choir, cheer squad, band or any other activity.

Attendance / Tardy Policy:

Absent:

When a student returns from an absence, it is **his/her responsibility** to look in the “Absent Work” bin located at the back of the room to obtain the material that was missed and discuss with the teacher the specifics of the missed work.

In order to receive full credit, the student must write “Absent” and the date of the absence on the paper.

- For full credit, students will have the same amount of days to make up work as days absent.
- In order to differentiate between absent work and late work, I collect all papers at the end of class.

If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, but was present when it was assigned, the assignment is due upon return to class.

Tardy:

Students are expected to be in their seats when the bell rings. If a student is tardy, he/she will **not** receive points for the “bell ringer” assignment that day. Each “bell ringer” is worth 10 points.

If a student is more than 20 minutes late, it is considered an absence.

Cheating:

Any act of cheating, including plagiarism (in any form), copying or allowing classmates to copy, inappropriately using notes, or submitting work of a parent, classmate, or friend as student’s own work will automatically result in an “F.”

- Assignments - may NOT be reworked.
- Assessments – may be reworked. The student will still be expected to demonstrate *mastery*, but will only receive a final grade of a D-.

Right to an Education:

Alpine School District provides and promotes equal opportunity--without discrimination--because of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age or disability.

Class Procedures:

The district provides reasonable accommodations for the known disabilities of students in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Individuals needing special accommodations should notify Westlake High School administration.

Electronic Devices:

Students are welcome to bring their technological devices to class (including cell phones, tablets, e-readers, etc.) as we will utilize these in lessons *when occasion permits* and ***only under teacher direction***. If a student is not able to uphold this expectation, I reserve the right to confiscate the item:

1st offense—for the remainder of the *class*

2nd offense—for the remainder of the *day*

3rd offense—until a *parent* picks it up



Homework:

Homework will be given on a regular basis. Students are expected to be *prepared* with the homework, *before* the class period begins, on the date in which it is due.

Remind101.com:

Remind101.com is a closed system that allows educators to communicate updates and reminders with students and parents through text messages.

If you are interested in subscribing, please text:

@bos12

to: (256) 274-8280

Materials Needed:

Each student will be expected to have these items *every day*.

- Composition notebook (stays in class)
- Loose-leaf, college-ruled paper
- Colored pencils
- Pen (blue or black)
- Flash drive/Thumb drive
- Individual novel of choice

Contact Information and Signatures

Parents / Guardians:

Please sign, detach, and return this sheet to me as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Mrs. Bos

Class: English 12

Period: _____

Student Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: () - _____

Email: _____

Circle the way you would prefer me to contact you: Letter Phone Email

If you have any special concerns (requests or questions), please write them here.

We have read and understood the attached disclosure.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date