**IB Language & Literature - Parts 3 & 4 Course Syllabus 2016-2017**

**Instructor: Mrs. Litsa Kirby**

**Required Texts: : *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte, *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare, *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy, *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck*, Atonement* by Ian McEwan, and *The Visit* by Friedrich Durrenmatt.**

**Baccalaureate Diploma Program: This course meets the requirements in English for the Jefferson County School District and develops the necessary skills in writing, oral presentation, research and analysis of literature to successfully complete the prescribed IB English assessments for the IB Diploma.**

**Course Description: To assist students in developing written and oral commentaries that best reflect their critical thinking skills and style of presentation. Through the critical study of multi-cultural/societal themed literary works as well as the close reading and analysis of passages in their contexts, students will gain an expanded perspective of literature and human thought.**

**Materials needed for the class: You will need the above mentioned texts as well as paper, pencils, pens and highlighters. You will also need a bound composition book (NOT a three ring binder). You will keep all handouts/notes/writing etc.…in this book. Make sure you have it every day!**

**This “journal” is designed to keep you organized, on top of your work and will serve as a review for your major assessments this year: Individual Oral Commentary (IOC) in (Dec.), Written Task 2 (March) as well as, Paper 1 and Paper 2 (May exams).**

**Attendance, Make-Up Work and Behavior Standards: Adherence to the school’s attendance policy and behavior standards as detailed in the Student Planner and district’s Code of Conduct. Exams, quizzes and homework often include questions on material presented only in class, so performance on these assessments indirectly reflects attendance. If you miss a class, see me during Office Hours the next day, email me or check my website via the school site. Make-up work must be completed in a timely fashion. Work assigned before the day of an absence is still expected to be turned in on time, even if an absence occurs. Class work, like timed writings, quizzes, etc…will need to be made up within a week of the student’s return to class, or will be subject to a late penalty of 50%. *After the week deadline, I reserve the right to assign make-up work in a different format than was originally assigned.***

**Late work Policy- Some work may be handed in late. A late assignment will result in a 10% reduction of score per day (not class period) it is late. I will not accept any work outside of a six week grading period.**

**Evaluation: Grades will be a combination of points from tests, quizzes, group work, individual projects, presentations, etc. Late work is sometimes accepted for a reduced grade (see above). In addition to successful completion of all assignments and activities, etc., students are expected to complete the Individual Oral Commentary, Written Task 1, Written Task 2, and both Papers 1 & 2 as specified by the IB curriculum in order to pass the course and receive English credit.**

***Academic Dishonesty will result in a zero score***

**Grading Scales: A=100%-90% B=89%-80% C=79%-70% D=69%-60% F=below 60%**

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