



# VALLEY Christian School

*Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Rom. 12:2*

## **Course: British Literature and Advanced Composition**

**Course Text:** British Literature: Encouraging Thoughtful Christians to be World Changers, by James P. Stobaugh. Various novels, short stories, and poems.

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### **Course Description:**

This course will include reading, discussing, and interpreting various pieces of literature, poetry, plays and short stories. Students are required to complete several readings for this course and write weekly essays. Students will also be required to obtain their own copies of several of the literature books either through the public library or purchase. **Valley Christian School will supply the textbook with a \$50 refundable deposit upon the return of the text in like condition.**

This course will also include writing instruction to improve the structure and mechanics of the student's essays. Weekly essays will be assigned that directly relate to the reading assignments.

### **Supplies needed for this course:**

Students need to have a 3-ring binder, dividers, and a notebook solely for British Literature. Bring book, notebook, and binder to class each week. Do not bring to class head phones, food (water is okay), or cell phones turned on. Basically anything that will distract you and others from learning is NOT okay!!

### **Grading Information:**

**Tests:** Exams will be given each week. Some exams may be taken home and must be completed by the student without the help of other people, previous homework, notes, or textbook.

### **Homework:**

Students will be given a syllabus with homework assignments and due dates that they will be responsible to complete.

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Students will also be responsible for having completed the readings due for the lessons. Also, students will be required to have notes and to have answered questions on the readings assigned each week that will be discussed in class.

Students will be writing a literary analysis essay each week that will be due the day of the exam. Rough drafts must be brought to class the day that they are due. Class time will be used to revise and correct essays.

All work must be turned into the tray on my desk by 8:20, or whenever the student arrives the day that it is due. If not, it will be considered late. Make sure to check that all work is complete and thorough prior to turning it in!

Late work will drop 10 percentage points! Grading Scale: Students will be given a percentage grade.

### **Guidelines for Success:**

- **Class participation/ attendance:** Students will demonstrate participation by asking/ answering questions, taking notes, participating in classroom discussions and doing class work. Be **on time** and prepared for class
- **BE DISCIPLINED TO DO ASSIGNED WORK THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!!**  
**DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE CLASS TO DO ALL THE READINGS AND ESSAYS!!** You should complete readings throughout the week prior to lesson discussion. Come to class ready for discussion.
- **Learn to be organized!!!!**