



College English Grand Haven High School



Course Number: B60

Grade Level: 11-12

Credits : 1/2

Prerequisite Courses : English 9 and English 10

Course Description

Humanities is “the art of being human,” exploring the human condition through philosophy, religion, literature, art and music. There are outside activities such as theater, art exhibit, museum and concert attendance that are a part of the semester grade.

Course Objectives

The students will be able to:

- Fully participate and hold meaningful class discussions with respect. This is a study of the human race and the cultural groups within it. We will try to understand the past and the present in order to create a better future for ourselves and others.
- Professionally present material to the class
- Closely and carefully read and understand material written for a variety of audiences
- Develop ideas using a variety of prewriting techniques including: brainstorming, freewriting, journal-keeping, and research
- Produce effective writing in a variety of modes
- Practice the skill of careful revision
- Conduct research and integrate facts and opinions from a variety of sources into own writing
- Effectively use MLA format

Student Expectations

- Be open and ready to learn. This is not a passive course, but one in which you will need to be mentally present and actively involved.
- During the semester, you are expected to visit a museum, attend an art exhibit, concert, and theater performance. This will be discussed further while in class.
- Cell phones are not permitted in class (unless used for a specific assignment)
- Student behavior in accordance with Grand Haven High School handbook including the plagiarism policy
- Late work not accepted

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Communication

Please contact the instructor via email or phone.

Grading Policy

A	=	93-100	C+	=	78-79	D-	=	60-62
A-	=	90-92	C	=	73-77	E	=	00-59
B+	=	88-89	C-	=	70-72			
B	=	83-87	D+	=	68-69			
B-	=	80-82	D	=	63-67			

Scope and Sequence

There is no set textbook for this course. As the study of humanities continually evolves, the style of this course allows for fluctuation of materials. We want to stay progressive and current with our discussion and study. However, there are some main areas/units of study, that will be tentatively presented in the following order:

- The human condition
- Personal philosophy
- Religion
- Art
- Music
- Living an authentic life

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