

English 20F

(1 credit – 1 semester)

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English 20F is organized into a number of units, each of which corresponds to one or more important themes. Within most units, you will read and discuss a variety of selections (stories, poems, novels, etc.). In each unit, you will complete one or more writing assignments along with numerous opportunities for viewing, discussion, and creative expression.

UNITS

Approximate Length of Study







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| 1. Conflict and Survival | 4 weeks |
|  Novel: <i>The Hunger Games</i> | |
|  Poetry | |
|  Film: <i>Cast Away</i> | |
| 2. Examining Cultures | 3 weeks |
|  Novel: <i>April Raintree</i> | |
|  Film: <i>Dances with Wolves</i> | |
| 3. Mystery | 3 weeks |
|  Short Stories | |
|  Sherlock Holmes | |
|  Film/TV shows | |
| 4. War | 4 weeks |
|  Novel: <i>Generals Die in Bed</i> | |
|  Short Stories | |
|  Poetry Study | |
|  Film: <i>Passchendaele</i> | |

*Units and items may change, as might the order or length of a unit, depending on student interest

Evaluation:

Term Work	75%	You will have the opportunity to express yourselves through writing responses, in groups, discussions, formal writing (essays), and artistically.
Final Exam	25%	5 days in January

Important notes:

-  Work submitted on computer (preferred) will be done through OneDrive. Work on paper must be NEATLY written in a dark colour. If I can't read it, I can't mark it.
-  Assignments can always be revised and resubmitted but this should always be discussed with and cleared by Mr. Robson.
-  Students & parents should be in the practice of checking or subscribing to Mr. Robson's web site for class information, deadlines, homework, etc.
-  NO VIDEO GAMES in Room 213. Ever.
-  You DO NOT need a cell phone for this class. Please leave your own devices at home or in your locker.
-  No food in the lab. EVER. Even at lunch. Only closed and protected water bottles are permitted in class. Do not bring Slurpees, energy drinks, pop, etc. to my class. Ever.

Mr. Robson's 3 Golden Rules:

- 📌 Room 213 is a place to LEARN
- 📌 Room 213 should always be a SAFE place
- 📌 Everyone in room 213 should be cooperative and polite.

Expectations:

- 📌 Students need to arrive on time and ready to work every day.
- 📌 You need to be prepared with a pen and paper EVERY CLASS. Some work may be done on computer, but you will ALWAYS need to write as well.
- 📌 Students are always expected to be active participants in class discussions and exercises.
- 📌 You are responsible for cleaning up after yourself at all times by depositing unwanted items in the appropriate place (garbage, recycling, scrap paper bin.)

Students and parents are expected to be kept up to date on marks and missing assignments at all times by visiting Powerschool: <http://ps.sjsd.net>

In Mr. Robson's class, students may be allowed to use personal devices for certain activities, but the use of personal devices is always at the discretion of the teacher. If allowed in class, they are for educational purposes ONLY. Personal communication or off-topic use is prohibited. **Phones & iPods should always be left at home or in a student's locker, unless approved by Mr. Robson, who reserves the right to direct students to put away devices as necessary for the learning environment, or confiscate devices that are improperly used or not put away when directed.**

Any attempt to circumvent school division security measures or to access materials deemed inappropriate by the school or school division will result in immediate suspension of computer privileges and possibly other consequences which may include suspension, loss of credit expulsion or even intervention by appropriate authorities.

Sense & Sanity

1. Quizzes/evaluations will be given occasionally with major assignments coming at the end of each unit.
2. You will be considered late if you arrive after the bell and after class has begun. Please get a late slip and enter the room quietly and go to your seat without disruption. Continued lateness will result in communication with parents and/or administration.
3. All evaluations are important and it is therefore important that all assignments are turned in. Most students fail courses because assignments have not been submitted. If you submit work late, you may have to wait an extended period before it will be marked. You will have a 0 in Powerschool until such time that I have time to mark your late work. The moral of the story: **Get all work in on time!**
4. If you miss a class for ANY reason, **it is your responsibility to catch up on missed work.** Most work will be posted on my website for you to check. Do not show up to class and expect me to go over the class that you missed. **Please see me AT LUNCH if you have questions about a missed class or assignment.**
5. You will be responsible for bringing something to write with (preferably dark coloured pen) and paper to write on EVERY CLASS. If we are working on a novel or story, it is up to you to make sure that you have what you need in class.