

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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The goal of the Arts and Humanities course is to gain an increased understanding of, and appreciation for, the Arts. We will work toward this goal through an exploration of the visual arts, music, dance, drama, and literature, building foundations for looking at, evaluating, and creating. We will explore the specific disciplines in terms of structure, process and purpose. And we will search for the humanity in, and interrelationship amongst, the arts through both chronological and thematic study.

This course will prepare students for advanced and/or college level Humanities courses not only in academic content but also by teaching students what to expect and how to take on responsibility for their own success. Due to a forward thinking administration, students in this class will specifically be prepared for 21st century skills by learning how to use technology in a professional setting. Each student in Humanities will be allowed use of a Chrome Book during class time (please see usage agreement.) The use of the Chrome Book will allow the instructor to expose students to research, collaboration, technology, and creative and critical thinking skills that will certainly help prepare them for the college classroom and job market of the 21st century.

Kentucky Core Academic Standards

- 1.12 Students speak using appropriate forms, conventions, and styles to communicate ideas and information to different audiences for different purposes.
- 1.13/14/15 Students make sense of ideas and communicate ideas with the visual arts/music/movement.
- 2.22 Students create works of art and make presentations to convey a point of view.
- 2.23 Students analyze their own and others' artistic products and performances using accepted standards.
- 2.24 Students have knowledge of major works of art, music, and literature and appreciate creativity and the contributions of the arts and humanities.
- 2.25 In the products they make and the performances they present, students show that they understand how time, place, and society influences the arts and humanities such as languages, literature, and history.
- 2.26 Through the arts and humanities, students recognize that although people are different, they share some common experiences and attitudes.

Required Materials

- Accounts for the following –
 - GAFE (Google Apps For Education)
- Chrome Book (*property of OCHS and must be returned daily after use*)
 - Students will NOT be permitted to use the Chrome Book until agreement is signed and returned (agreement can be found on the class webpage). Students will still need to complete all assignments through an alternate method.
 - Students may lose Chrome Book privileges if agreement is violated. Students who lose access to Chrome Book will still need to complete assignments through an alternate method.
 - If students have their own personal tablet, they are welcome to use it in lieu of the OCHS Chrome Book.
- Headphones/earbuds
- School e-mail address

- Composition book
- Pens/pencils
- Knitting needles (size 9, 10, 11)

Assessments

- Formative Assessments – quizzes, notes check, discussions, entrance/exit slips, etc.
- Summative Assessments – formal tests, essays, projects, etc.

Grading

The following is how grades will be weighted –

Projects	40%
Summative Assessments	30%
Classwork	25%
Participation	5%

Grades will be determined by the composite work of the **entire school year**. Students’ grades can be monitored via Infinite Campus throughout the school year.

Please make sure you know how to do this

The year’s final exam/project will compose 10% of the final grade.

Absences

Any time you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed and to complete it. Please discuss makeup work with me promptly when you return to school, either before or after school. Make-up assignments, including tests and quizzes, are NOT to be completed during regular class time. You will need to plan to make up tests and quizzes either before or after school.

General Class Policies

- Detention - Per school policy, students will be assigned detention after their second tardy
- Dress Code - We will follow the school policy regarding dress code. Please check the student handbook for details.
- Cell Phones - Cell phones will NOT be permitted in the Humanities classroom. If the instructor has planned to use them for instructional purposes, he/she will explicitly let you know.
- Outside Work - Unless otherwise stated, work from other classes should not be brought into the Humanities class.

I have read and understand the information contained in this course syllabus.

(student name – printed)

(student signature)

(parent/guardian signature)

(parent/guardian preferred method of contact)