

## English IV B

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**Course Description:** English IV is a Level V class and the continuation of MCA's Great Books curriculum. We will read works that reflect the progression of modern philosophy. Our primary focus will be the 1500s-early 1900s. Works include (but are not limited to) the following: *Utopia*, *Meditations*, *Gulliver's Travels*, *Pensees*, *Frankenstein*, *Great Expectations*, *Faust*, *The Heart of Darkness*, *Beyond Good & Evil*, and *Huckleberry Finn*.

### Course Objectives:

1. The student will be exposed to some of the great ideas of Western Civilization.
2. To examine these great ideas in such a way as to lead the learner into a better understanding of self and of the world.
3. The student will develop as a reader, writer, listener, thinker and communicator.

### Course Requirements:

1. Students must *diligently read* assigned texts. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE A SHORTCUT AND USE SPARKNOTES OR OTHER THOUGHT PREVENTATIVES. ☺
2. Students must be willing to think deeply about the ideas presented in the literature.
3. Students will be required to write a minimum of six major papers.
4. Students will be required to participate in class discussions and share their thoughts on the various issues that are raised during the meeting time.

### Office Hours:

Please feel free to email, call or text if you need to contact me. I welcome the opportunity to communicate with both parents and students whenever the need may arise. My office hours will be posted on my door.

### Materials:

Assigned text, paper and pen or pencil

### Grading:

Class Participation.....	30%
Major Papers.....	40%
Minor Papers.....	15%
Quizzes/Reading Questions....	15%

### Extra Credit:

Extra credit special assignments will be given at Mr. Westfall's discretion.