

**GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE EXPECTATION SHEET**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

COURSE:Shakespeare

(Revised 6/07)

I. **DESCRIPTION:**

In this one-semester course, seniors will have the opportunity to study the Shakespeare canon in depth, discovering the plays as timely scripts which have been aptly described as "not for an age, but for all time."

II. **READINGS:** Selections will be made from the following list:

Hamlet

King Lear

The Merchant of Venice

Othello

Twelfth Night

The Sonnets

The Taming of the Shrew

The Tempest

Richard III

Much Ado About Nothing

Measure For Measure

III. **WRITING:**

There will be a variety of writing experiences, including but not limited to: personal essays, expository papers, critical analysis, comparisons between works, script cutting, and a research paper.

IV. **STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Students will be expected to have writing conferences with the teacher. If the student and teacher do not share a mutually convenient free period, it is the student's responsibility to find a convenient time.

V. **HOMEWORK/TESTS/GRADING:**

Students are required to do all assigned readings and papers. There will be both daily and long- range assignments. Major tests will be given on English testing day. Unannounced quizzes may be given at any time.

Grades will be based on papers, student performance, tests, quizzes, class participation, homework, and final exam.

It is the responsibility of absent students to arrange a time to make up missed work and tests.

Students will be responsible for all assignments on the dates they are due unless prior arrangements have been approved by the teacher. All unapproved late work will be penalized by reduction in grade.

VI. **SPECIAL HELP:**

Students are encouraged to attend special help on the day before English testing day.

VII. **ATTENDANCE PHILOSOPHY:**

Regular attendance and punctuality are expected. Cutting is not permitted. If students are intentionally absent from a class without a legitimate reason, they will not be entitled to make up any assignments or exams missed during that period. Intentional absences are a clear message that students are not interested in doing their best. Excessive illegal absence or any cutting will result in parental notification and will have a negative impact on how class participation will be factored in quarter and final grades. Attendance/participation will count as much as 20% of a student's grade.

PLAGIARISM STATEMENT

Plagiarism is defined as presenting the thoughts, writings, and ideas of other people as one's own.

Integrity of the academic process requires that credit be given where credit is due. Accordingly, it is unethical to present as one's own work, the ideas, representations, or words of another or to permit another to present one's own work without customary and proper acknowledgment of sources.