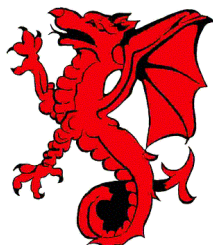


English IV

St. Francis School
Dr. Brett Paice



Course Description

This course explores how literature and film communicate notions of personal and collective identity, the social conditions of marginalized populations, and construction of gender. We concentrate heavily on honing our writing skills with special attention to strong sentence composition and close, creative reading. Most immediately, we will address the most effective ways to craft an engaging personal statement for college admissions.

Class meetings will combine lecture and discussion formats. Passionate and thoughtful participation is required.

Required Texts

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| • <i>The Freddie Stories</i> | Lynda Barry |
| • <i>The Oxford Dictionary of American Usage and Style</i> | Bryan Garner |
| • <i>Adaptations: From Short Story to Big Screen</i> | Stephanie Harrison |
| • <i>Black Swan Green</i> | David Mitchell |
| • <i>Hamlet</i> | William Shakespeare |
| • <i>Pulphead</i> | John Jeremiah Sullivan |

Grading Breakdown

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| • Writing (typed papers, exams, and in-class assignments) | 50% |
| • Quizzes | 20% |
| • Participation | 30% |

Course Schedule

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| <p>Quarter I : The Essay, Short Non-Fiction</p> <p><i>Pulphead</i> John Jeremiah Sullivan</p> | <p>Quarter II : The Novel</p> <p><i>Black Swan Green</i> David Mitchell</p> <p><i>The Freddie Stories</i> Lynda Barry</p> |
| <p>Quarter III : Short Fiction & Poetry</p> <p><i>Adaptations: From Short Story to Big Screen</i> Stephanie Harrison, ed.</p> <p>Coursepack</p> | <p>Quarter IV : Drama</p> <p><i>Hamlet</i> William Shakespeare</p> |

Students are allowed to be late **three times per semester**. After the third tardy they will be grounded.

- **Please do not eat or drink in the classroom during regular class hours.**
- **Use of cell phones and headphones is not permitted. Cell phones shouldn't be visible during class.**
- **Laptops are only to be used with permission.**
- **Please keep these and other electronics in your backpack.**