



# Southern Lehigh School District

High School Syllabus

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## Humanities 180

2014-2015

### Course Description:

Humanities 180 uses the program Read 180 by Scholastic, Inc. Read 180 is a Research-Based English program, designed for struggling readers who are reading two or more years below their grade level. Students will utilize the program to acquire reading and writing skills necessary for success in a high school English classroom. Students will engage in computer-based instruction tailored to their own lexile level, which will be determined using the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI). Students will also engage in teacher lead whole group and small group instruction, using one of the Read 180 textbooks listed below. Practice of independent reading will occur daily in book of the student's choice, at their lexile level. Students will develop their writing skills through a variety of assignments.

### Course Content:

#### Basic Reading

- Decoding
- Comprehension
- Fluency (rate of reading)
- Independent (silent) Reading

#### Basic Writing

- Sentence Construction
- 1-5 Paragraph Essay
- Genres of Writing (Informational, Persuasive, etc.)

### Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

The following are the major texts for the course. Students will choose additional books in their lexile range for independent reading. Additional readings may be assigned at the discretion of the teacher.

*Read 180 rBook: Stage C*, From Scholastic, Inc. (2012)

*Read 180 rBook: Stage C Flex II*, From Scholastic, Inc. (2012)

\* After completion of the r-Book series, students will be assigned supplemental readings.

### Course Requirements:

Students are expected to come to class prepared with all necessary materials (pen, pencil, and computer) and complete all assignments on time. If you are absent for any reason, it is your responsibility to see your teacher for missed work. Please refer to the policy in the student handbook for timelines to make up missed work and tests.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grade categories will be weighted. This means that a student's overall grade in each individual area will account for a certain percent of his or her final grade. The categories and their weights are listed below:

<b>Classwork/Homework:</b>	40%
<b>Tests/Quizzes/Projects:</b>	40%
<b>Writing Assignments:</b>	20%

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
<b>Final</b>	<b>20%</b>

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

Summer reading will be based on lexile level. Students will read a minimum of one book and complete four (4) journal responses based upon their book. Recommended choices will be distributed to students and posted online at the end of the school year. Other books may be read with the permission of the instructor.