

**SOCIAL CHANGE IN LITERATURE:  
ENGLISH 4 (CO-TAUGHT), LEVEL 2 (W231532)**

This is a literature and composition course in which students examine social change through the integrated study of classical and contemporary literature, graphic novels, art, and cinema. Topics of social change are presented within the context of social media, school culture, justice, race, and the environment.

The class affords two teachers the opportunity to adapt assignments to meet individual learning needs. Writing assignments are broken down to ensure proficiency. Concepts are reinforced through audio, visual, and kinesthetic learning.

Core texts: *Dear Evan Hansen* (Levinson), *Trashed* (Backderf), *There, There* (Orange), *Macbeth* (Shakespeare) and *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption* (King).

Students will be expected to write in a range of modes including personal and expository essays, which emphasize critical analysis and creative expression. Projects allow students alternative ways to express what they have learned.

**SUMMER READING:** Dear Evan Hansen, Levenson (Social Media's Influence)

**I. FIRST SEMESTER**

**A. Q1: Environmental Impact**

1. **Novel (core)**      Trashed, Derf Backderf

**B. Q2: Social Justice**

1. **Novel (core)**      Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption, Stephen King

2. **Film:**

Title	Director	Year	Studio	Rating
<u>The Shawshank Redemption</u>	Darabont	1994	Castle Rock	R

**II. SECOND SEMESTER**

**A. Q3: Leadership and its Impact**

1. **Novel (core)**      Macbeth, Shakespeare

2. **Film:**

Title	Director	Year	Studio	Rating
Macbeth	Casson	1979	ITV1	Not Rated
Macbeth	Goold	2010	Illuminations TV	Not Rated

**B. Q4: Race and Culture in Modern America**

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**1. Novel (core)**            There, There Orange

**2. Film Clips:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Studio</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Smoke Signals	Eyre	1998	Miramax	PG-13
Homeland	Grossman	2011	Showtime	TV-MA

**SELECTIONS:**

**A. Poetry:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Note</b>
"Introduction to Poetry"	Collins	
"[in just-]"	cummings	
"Ode to My Socks"	Neruda	
"I Tried to do my Homework"	Nesbit	
Selections from Word Playgrounds	O'Connor	

**B. Short Stories:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Note</b>
"American History"	Cortez	
"The Silence"	Murakami	
"Speaking of Courage"	O'Brien	
"Lie Big"	Rothbart	
"Victory Lap"	Winters	
"First-Person Shooter"	Yu	

**C. Essays:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Note</b>
Selections from Inside My Pencil	Markus	