

Ms. Strange's English I Syllabus

Teacher Information

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- Class M227
- BA English Education - MA Educational Leadership
- Extra Help Hours- 7:45-8:15 - 4th Block - 3:15-3:45

Course Description

- Welcome to 9th Grade English Language Arts! This course is designed to deepen your understanding and appreciation of literature, while also honing your skills in reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking. Throughout the year, we will explore various genres of literature, analyze texts for their themes and literary devices, write multiple essays on various topics, and engage in thoughtful discussions to enhance our comprehension and interpretation.

Supply List

- Students will need the following items in class every day:
 - Charged Chromebook
 - Pencils & Pens
 - Notebook Paper
 - 3-ring Binder w/ dividers
 - Highlighters

Grading Policy

- All quizzes, tests, essays, and projects will be graded. Some homework assignments will be graded. All tests will count twice in the gradebook. All grades are earned. Extra credit opportunities will be available throughout the year.

Aspen

- Aspen will be updated weekly. All grades will be on the Aspen platform. Check your Aspen account weekly for grade updates and missing assignments.

Cell Phone Policy

- Cell phones must be turned off inside of the classroom. Students should not be on their cell phones at any point in time inside of the classroom. Cell phones should not be visible nor on desk during the class period. If students have their phone out, it will be taken for the duration of the class period or given to the office. Violations of this policy will follow the consequences of the Cocke County School Board Cell Phone Policy.

Academic Honesty

- The purpose of this policy is to maintain academic integrity, uphold ethical standards, and ensure fair assessment practices in the classroom regarding the use of technology, including Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- Cheating Definition- Cheating is defined as any act of dishonesty, deception, or fraudulent behavior aimed at gaining an unfair academic advantage. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Plagiarism: Using someone else's work (words, ideas, or images) without proper acknowledgement.
 - Unauthorized Collaboration: Working together on assignments or exams without explicit permission.
 - Unauthorized Assistance: Receiving help during assignments or exams without teacher approval.
 - Using Unauthorized Aids: Using notes, textbooks, or electronic devices not allowed by the instructor during exams or assignments.
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI): Students are PROHIBITED from using AI or machine learning algorithms to complete assignments, exams, or any other form of academic work.
- Cheating will result in the student receiving a "0" for the assignment and further consequences are outlined in the Cocke County Student Handbook.

Tardy Policy

- Students should be on time to class every day. If a student is late to class 3 times, a write-up will be submitted to the office. After the 3rd tardy, students will be written up every time that they are tardy to class.

Make-Up Work Policy & Missing Assignments

- The Cocke County School Board policy will be followed for make-up work and missing assignments. Students will have 5 days to complete any missing assignment. After 5 days, students will receive a "0" for the missing assignment.
- Quizzes and tests must be made up during extra help hours inside of the classroom.

Extra Help Hours

- Extra Help Hours are from 7:45-8:15, 4th block, and 3:15-3:45. Students can come in during this time to make up assignments or to receive help on an assignment. Students should notify me before showing up to Extra Help Hours.

Remind

- Each class will have a Remind group. All students should join the Remind group to receive updates and reminders about the class.

Homework

- English I Honors: Students will have homework assignments in this course. Students will have readings and other assignments to complete at home before

the next class setting. Students will be responsible for bringing all reading and homework materials to class each day. Some homework assignments will be graded. Most at-home reading assignments will have quizzes.

Misc. Policies

- Students will follow ALL CCHS rules inside of the classroom. Some examples of these policies are:
 - No Hats/Beanies/Hoods
 - No Cell Phones, Air Pods, Personal Electronics, etc.
 - Attendance Policies
 - Dress Code Policy
 - NO PROFANITY
- Students will follow all school rules and classroom rules while in the classroom. Failure to do so will follow the Cocke County school's discipline policy.

Classroom Expectations

- RESPECT others and yourself at all times.
- Bring all material to class daily (chromebooks should be charged).
- All drinks should have lids. All trash must be thrown away before you leave the classroom.
- Attendance is necessary for your academic success.
- Participation and timely completion of assignments are essential.
- Electronic devices (besides Chromebook) are not allowed in the classroom.
- Behavior that affects the learning of other students will not be tolerated.

Syllabus Contract

I have been given a copy of Ms. Strange's syllabus. I have read the entire syllabus, and I understand the terms outlined in the syllabus. Ms. Strange has went over the entire syllabus with me and my class. I will follow the syllabus throughout the entire school year, and if I have any questions about the syllabus, I will ask Ms. Strange.

Student's Printed Name:

Student's Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Date: