

# English 1

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Plan Period: 1st Block

Welcome to my English 1 class; I have an exciting semester planned for you! This syllabus is designed to be kept in a folder or binder throughout the semester, because many students find the information in it useful.

## Textbooks

*McGraw Hill StudySync Grade 9*

Many short stories, biographies, autobiographies, essays, articles, speeches, and poetry selections will be taken from the *McGraw Hill StudySync* text. *Romeo and Juliet* and *Odyssey* will be read this year and may be accessed through the textbook. Textbooks are online, and novels will be viewable through links on Google Classroom if students do not receive copies. Please review this syllabus with a parent / guardian and then return the Agreement sheet. **The syllabus sign sheet is due by Wednesday, August 6, 2025**, and will count as a daily work grade to be recorded on Aspen.

## Novels

*A Walk in the Woods* – Bill Bryson (possibly)  
*TBD*

## Drama

*Romeo and Juliet* - Shakespeare

## Epic Poem

*Odyssey* – Homer

## Supplies

Students need the following supplies for class:

Blue or black pens for formal writing

Pencils (optional)

Highlighters (optional)

Notebook for returned assignments (any type with pockets is acceptable)

Notebook paper

1 Subject Notebook

## Grades

Assignment grades will be broken down in this manner:

Homework / Daily Work: 10-100 points, depending on difficulty level

Quizzes: 50-100 points

Tests: 100 points

Essays: 100 points

- Final cumulative grades will be broken down in this manner:

Tests / Essays / Projects – 35%	}	Term 1 = 50% (1st 9 weeks)
Quizzes – 25%		Term 2 = 35% (2nd 9 weeks)
Daily Work / Homework – 30%		
Participation – 10%		

EOC Exam – 15% of 2nd 9 weeks grade

## **Classroom Policies**

Some basic policies must be followed in order for the class to run effectively and for learning to occur

- Obey all school rules
- Be prepared and on time for class.
- Respect the rights of others.
- Work cooperatively with teachers, administrators, and fellow students.
- Obtain and complete all work.
- Take care of all school property.

### **Consequences:**

First time: *Verbal Warning*

Second time: *Parent/Guardian Called*

Third time: *Detention*

Fourth time: *Referral written and student sent to office*

**Cell Phones:** Per TN state and county policies, cell phones are to be off and out of sight throughout the school day from 8:15 to 3:15. Cell phones are not permitted between classes or during lunch. They are not to be taken to the bathrooms. If they are seen, then I will take them up and send them to the office to be returned at the end of the day. Students may get them back after the first infraction, but a parent must pick the phone up on the second infraction.

## **Movies**

Occasionally this class will have the opportunity to watch movies or movie clips to enhance the comprehension of a particular text or a particular literary device. Please review this list and inform me if you have objections to your child watching any of these movies.

- *Stranger Than Fiction* – Columbia (2006) PG-13
- *Troy: The Passion of Helen* – A&E Television (2004) NR (Documentary)
- *Life and Death in Britain's Ancient Theaters* - A&E Classroom (1998) NR (Documentary)
- *Romeo and Juliet* – Paramount (1968) PG
- *The Corpse Bride* – Warner Brothers (2005) PG
- *Big Fish* - Columbia (2003) PG-13
- *The Odyssey* – Hallmark (1997) PG-13

## Agreement to Rules and Expectations

I have read the syllabus and classroom policies for Ms. C. Jones's English 9 class, and I understand what is expected of me as a student.

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Student's Signature

I have read the syllabus and classroom policies for Ms. C. Jones's English 9 class, and I understand what is expected of my son/daughter this school year.

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Parent's or Guardian's Signature

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Parent's or Guardian's home number

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Parent's or Guardian's work number

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Parent's or Guardian's email address

I would prefer to be contacted in the following way(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ home phone    \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone    \_\_\_\_\_ work phone    \_\_\_\_\_ email

**\* Additional comments or alternate assignment requests may be written on the back of this form.**