

English II

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Planning period: 4th block - 1:42-3:15 (1st semester)

3rd block - 11:36-1:36 (2nd semester)

Dear Parents:

I am excited to be teaching English 10 this semester, and I look forward to working with each of you!

Tenth grade English is designed to ensure a strong foundation in the analysis and study of world literature and writing.

Course Purpose and Content

Students will read and analyze a variety of prose fiction and nonfiction pieces in order to identify and appreciate theme, analyze the effective use of imaginative comparisons through figurative language, and recognize the complex development of characters and ideas. Instruction in writing and structured vocabulary studies will also be part of this course, with exploration of literary pieces serving as the launching pad for assignments.

Communication

You can expect to hear from me at the mid-point of the class by way of a progress report to be signed and returned. Your child will receive bonus points for returning it.

Email is generally the quickest way to reach me. Emails sent after 3 pm will likely be answered the following day during my planning time (see above for times).

Textbooks

McGraw Hill StudySync Grade 10

Many short stories, memoirs, essays, articles, and speeches will be taken from the *McGraw Hill StudySync* text. We will read *Night* and *Julius Caesar* this year, and many assignments from those units will 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. **Returning your signed syllabus will count as your first daily grade.**

Novels

Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury (possibly)

The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls

Drama

Julius Caesar - Shakespeare

Memoir

Night – Elie Wiesel

Supplies

Students need the following supplies for class:

School - issued chromebook

Pencils

Highlighters

folder (any type with pockets is acceptable)

loose-leaf notebook paper

composition book

Grades

Assignment grades will be broken down in this manner:

To make it easier for students to calculate their average, all grades will be weighted the same. However, tests, projects, and most writing assignments will count as two grades, as well as any other assignments deemed appropriate by the teacher.

EOC Exam – 15% of 2nd 9 weeks grade

The grading scale is as follows:

A = 100-90 B = 89-80 C = 79-70 D = 69-60 F = 59 and below

Grading Procedures

Late work: A 20-point penalty is deducted for late work, meaning that the HIGHEST grade you will be able to receive on a late assignment is an 80. Please make sure you turn your work in on time.

If you are absent, you have one week from the date of your absence to make up any missing work. After that time, late points will be deducted.

Zeros: When I enter grades in Aspen, any grade missing for a student at that time will be entered as a “0” no matter the cause. A real time current average reflects how well a student is doing in class, gives the student greater assurance in their standing in class, and serves as motivation to submit any missing work that has been overlooked. Unless noted, however; it does not mean the grade will remain a zero.

Class Expectations

1. GIVE RESPECT TO GET RESPECT - KINDNESS MATTERS 😊
2. CELL PHONES ARE TO BE PUT AWAY DURING CLASS TIME. THIS IS NOW A STATE LAW AND IT WILL BE ENFORCED. PHONES ARE TO BE POWERED OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT AT ALL TIMES.
1st offense - You will place your phone on my desk, and I will contact an administrator to come pick it up.
2nd offense - Parent must pick up the phone from the office
3rd offense - insubordination - Office will determine consequence.

3. BE PUNCTUAL - YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE ON TIME. IF YOU ARE TARDY TO CLASS MORE THAN FIVE TIMES, AN OFFICE REFERRAL WILL BE ISSUED.
4. BE PREPARED - BECAUSE OUR TEXTBOOK AND MANY ASSIGNMENTS ARE ONLINE, YOU CANNOT FUNCTION IN THIS CLASS WITHOUT YOUR CHROME BOOK. BRING IT EVERY DAY.
5. COME TO CLASS PREPARED TO STAY. PLEASE TAKE RESTROOM BREAKS AND FILL WATER BOTTLES BETWEEN CLASSES. ONLY IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY WILL YOU BE PERMITTED TO USE THE RESTROOM. THE EXCEPTION TO THIS IS, OF COURSE, IF YOU HAVE A MEDICAL ISSUE AND A DOCTOR'S NOTE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL.
6. FOLLOW ALL OTHER SCHOOL RULES, AS OUTLINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

CHROMEBOOK RULES

- No streaming music, games, or videos.
- You may be blocked if you are using the laptop for any purpose other than a lesson.
- I may tell you to close your laptop for the day if you are uncooperative in its use.
- You will receive a Level 1 Misconduct report for each violation, and a possible parent contact will be made.
- I have a few loaner Chromebooks. However, these are limited. When you check out a Chromebook for class, you must forfeit your cell phone for the class period. This is to ensure that my Chromebook is returned.

RESTROOM RULES

- Restroom breaks are for emergencies only.
- If I am speaking or reading, or if we are having a class discussion, do not ask to use the restroom.
- If we are working on an assignment quietly, you may ask to go. It will be up to teacher discretion whether it will be permitted. If you have a medical issue that requires you to go to the restroom frequently, a doctor's note MUST be submitted to the office.

MOVIES

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

- *Julius Caesar* – Columbia (1953)
- *Fahrenheit 451* – TV-14 (2018)
- *The Glass Castle* - PG 13 (2017)
- *Freedom Writers* - PG 13 (2007)

Agreement to Rules and Expectations

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

Student's Signature

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Parent's or Guardian's phone number

Parent's or Guardian's email address

*** Additional comments or alternate text / assignment requests (where a parent wishes their child / children to be given an alternate assignment in which that child will work independently outside of the classroom) may be written on the back of this form.**

Is there anything that you would like for me to know about your child?