

English I with RTI-3 Syllabus

Cocke County High School | 2025-2026

Welcome to English I!

Hello students and parents! I'm so excited to get to know you this year. This course will challenge you to think critically, express yourselves clearly, and become a more confident reader and writer. We'll be reading a mix of literary and informational texts and diving into writing projects, with a focus on preparing you for high school and beyond.

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What We'll Learn

This course is designed to build on the reading and writing skills you developed in middle school. We'll focus on **close reading**, where you'll learn to analyze complex texts and understand an author's purpose, style, and point of view.

When it comes to writing, you'll practice creating arguments, writing narratives, and developing your own unique style. We'll also work on improving your grammar and vocabulary through our reading and writing assignments.

Key Texts and Films

In this course, we will read from the *StudySync* curriculum and explore a variety of supplemental texts and media. While subject to change, our core literary works will include:

- **Novel:** *The Odyssey*
- **Plays:** *Romeo and Juliet*
- **Short Stories:** "The Most Dangerous Game" by Richard Connell, "The Scarlet Ibis" by James Hurst, "Marigolds" by Eugenia Collier
- **Graphic Novel:** *Maus* by Art Spiegelman
- **Selected Works from StudySync:** This will include a variety of poems and informational texts to complement our units.

Required Materials

Please bring these items to class every day:

- Loose-leaf paper
- Wooden pencils (#2 lead)
- Student computer and charger

Optional Classroom Donations

While not mandatory, these items are always helpful for the class:

- Tissues (Kleenex)
- Paper towels
- Extra pens or pencils
- Markers

Grading & Assignments

How You'll Be Graded

Your final grade will be based on the total points you earn from major and ongoing assignments.

- **A:** 100–90%
- **B:** 89–80%
- **C:** 79–70%
- **D:** 69–60%
- **F:** 59% and below

You can view your current grades anytime on the ASPEN Grade Book. I will update grades at least once a week by the end of the day on Fridays. For major assignments like essays, please allow up to 7 days for grading.

Late Work Policy

All work is due on the assigned due date.

In the event you are absent, make-up work will be required.

Important Class Policies

Classroom Rules

These rules are in place to ensure a respectful and productive learning environment for everyone.

1. **Be on Time:** You must be in your seat when the tardy bell rings.
2. **Be Prepared:** Bring all required materials to class every day.
3. **Be Respectful:** Pay attention, participate, and treat your peers and teacher with kindness. This includes avoiding distractions like sleeping or off-topic conversations.
4. **Be Honest:** Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any form of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the assignment and contact with your parents or a disciplinary referral.
5. **No Food or Gum:** Only clear water in a container with a lid is allowed.

Attendance & Make-up Work

- **It's your responsibility to catch up on missed work.** Check the make-up binder or Google Classroom to see what you missed.
- **You generally have three school days to turn in work for an excused absence.**
- If you miss class on a due date, you must email your assignment to me that day or turn it in immediately upon your return.
- If a test or quiz was scheduled before your absence, you are expected to take it on the day you return.

Academic Integrity & Testing

Academic dishonesty is a serious offense that includes cheating, plagiarism, and inventing false information. Students caught engaging in these behaviors will receive a zero on the assignment and a disciplinary referral.

The TNReady EOC test is a crucial part of your final grade, counting as at least **15%** of your semester average. During the test, please remember the following:

- **No electronic devices are allowed**, including cell phones and smartwatches. If you are caught with a device, your test may be nullified (resulting in a zero) and you will face disciplinary action.