

English II

Welcome to English II! This year we will focus on meeting all of the objectives required by the Texas Education Agency for English II students by covering all of the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills). In addition, we will emphasize the mastery of all TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) objectives to pass the exit level exam. Because reading is important, we will read a great deal of the time. Your writing, vocabulary, and grammar work will be in response to what you are reading; however, you will have a research project in the fall. I look forward to a wonderful year with you!

Grading Policy

1. The following activities and work products may be graded:

Compositions

Research papers

Tests

Group work

Daily work

Projects from outside reading assignment

Journals

Oral presentations

Class participation

Weekly Readers

2. Daily work will count no more than 20%; major grades will count no more than 50%; minor grades will count no more than 30 % of the six weeks grades.

3. Major tests may be re-tested following the guidelines outlined in the high school grading policy. In order to re-write a composition, the original must have been turned in complete and on time. Research papers are not eligible for re-writing because they are the summative product of several stages of the writing process in which re-teaching and re-writing have already occurred.

Late work policy

1. Minor assignments (daily work, classwork, etc.) will be accepted late with a 30 point deduction.
2. Major grades (compositions, projects, reports, etc.) will be accepted one day late with a 30 point deduction.
3. A student who is on campus but absent from English class the day a major assignment is due must turn in the assignment that day or be subject to a 30 point deduction.
4. Any assignment that is over 2 days late will earn a 50 point reduction.

Tentative Novels/Play/Units with their videos to be covered:

"Julius Caesar" - "Julius Caesar"

"Fiddler on the Roof"- "Fiddler on the Roof"

"Oedipus Rex"

"Antigone" - "John Q"

"Much Ado About Nothing"- "Much Ado About Nothing"

"Midsummer Night Dream"- "Midsummer Night Dream"

Memoir unit

TAKS, TAKS and more TAKS!- "Finding Neverland"/ "Stand and Deliver"

Advertising Unit- "Josie and the Pussycats"

Famous Speeches

Short story unit- "Lamb to the Slaughter"

Outside reading- "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," "Invasion of the Body

Snatchers"

Class Rules

Only one outstanding rule is important: Be courteous to your peers and me. If you can follow this rule, you will have no problems. However I do expect you to abide by the rules in your student handbook. Any misconduct will be checked and handbook discipline procedure will be followed.

Supply list- To be discussed on the first day of school

Outside Reading Requirement

You will be responsible for reading one book each six weeks outside of class. Your English teacher will provide the books listed below, with the exception of the summer reading book, to you. Your English teacher will designate one of the books for you to read each six weeks. On a designated day, you will be tested over the book for that six weeks. It will count as a major test grade.

Summer reading book- *Monster*
1984
Real Time
After
Shadow of the Dragon
Fiction book from library- 200 pages

I look forward to spending this school year with you!

Sincerely,
Catherine Hahn
Stephanie Harrison - **The English II Team**
Dana Kato
Sherri Moody
ReBecca Raney
Amy Sanders
Mary Waldrup

By signing this, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to the syllabus.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student's name (printed) _____