

Syllabus

English 11

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Goal: In alignment with the state of Tennessee's course of study standards, English 11 will "prepare students with the most important knowledge and 21st century literacy skills necessary to succeed in postsecondary and workforce arenas." The course will "emphasize critical and divergent thinking, problem solving, active listening, recognition of patterns and anomalies, and evaluating and questioning of source material." (TDOE Standards Description)



Materials

These are items that you will be using in class most days

- ☐ **Binder** (with paper, dividers, and handouts)
- ☐ **Chromebook** (charged BEFORE class)
- ☐ **Current Text**
- ☐ **Pen, Pencil, and Highlighters**
- ☐ **Colored pen for editing**
- ☐ **Optional supplies:** post-it notes, ruler, art supplies



Texts and Units of Study

Embedded Units will be integrated throughout the semester and will build on skills in primary units

- American Literature Selections
- Independent reading project
- Thematic textbook units
- Longer works of fiction may include *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller, *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, and other texts



Google Classroom Reminders

- ☐ Notifications turned **ON**
- ☐ Always hit **SUBMIT** on assignments
- ☐ Check for Daily Agenda / Upcoming Assignments
- ☐ Work is considered late based on the timestamp and edit history of the document.

Embedded Units of Study

- Writing
- Vocabulary and grammar
- Poetry and short stories
- Nonfiction and historical texts



Absences and Makeup Work

- If you are absent from class, YOU are responsible for getting and making up any missing work
 - The school's policy on makeup work will be observed. As stated in the student handbook, the policy is as follows:
 - "All makeup work will be turned in to teachers within three (3) days of absence. ABSOLUTELY NO MAKEUP WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 3 DAYS! Any work not completed and turned in will result in a zero grade. For multiple consecutive absences, the teacher and student will meet together to determine a fair due date of the missed assignments."
 - See me during before or after class or during break - **not during class** - to get help, ask questions about missing work, or schedule make up tests/quizzes
 - Pick up work from the designated spot for makeup work, and check Google Classroom.



Late Work

- Late work will be accepted. The **maximum** grade on any late assignment, written or online, will be 70%.
- Work submitted online will be considered late if it was edited or submitted after the due date.



Procedures and Expectations

- **Be prepared**
 - Be on time. Have all materials and assignments.
 - Check the daily agenda and Google Classroom.
- **Participate in class daily**
 - Work hard
 - Ask questions
 - Limit distractions (talking AND technology)
- **Be respectful and understanding of classmates and me**
 - Listen when others are speaking
 - Conduct yourself appropriately

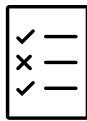


Consequences

If a student chooses not to meet these expectations, the following consequences will be followed:

- ☐ **Verbal Warning**
- ☐ **Parent Contact**
- ☐ **Administrative Referral**

The order of these consequences may be altered as necessary to fit the situation.



Additional Policies

- **NO PHONES** - Everything needed for class is accessible on your Chromebooks. Phones are **not permitted** for use in class, and should be kept in the pockets at the front of the room until you are directed to retrieve them.
- **Music** - Music may be listened to during **independent work** times **ONLY**. You may only listen to music through your Chromebooks, and may not use your phones
- **Arrival and dismissal** - Be in class when the bell rings with everything you need, and do not ask to leave before the dismissal bell to put up supplies (or anything else). **IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT ALL THE OTHER CLASSES/TEACHERS ARE DOING!**
- **Food/Drinks** - You may have drinks in class, but food and candy is not allowed. Be respectful of your area and **clean up** after yourself. **This privilege can be taken away at any time if rules are not followed.**



- **No warnings** will be given - if the phone is being used, **it will be taken**
- This includes airpods in ears during class activities



- Trips to the vending machine should be made **before class**, which can be taken away at any time if rules are not followed



Cheating

- **Just don't. Seriously.**
- I expect your work to be original, and plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstances
- **You will receive a zero for any assignments that are plagiarized, a write up, and a parent contact.**

Is it plagiarism? A quiz:

- ☐ Did you, at any point, copy and paste it from the internet?
 - ☐ **A: Yes.**
- ☐ Is it someone else's ideas that you reworded?
 - ☐ **A: Yes.**
- ☐ Did you take another student's work and reword it?
 - ☐ **A: Yes**



Heartbeats

"Life isn't measured in minutes, but in heartbeats." - Joan Lowery Nixon

"I believe that every human has a finite number of heartbeats. I don't intend to waste any of mine." - Neil Armstrong

MAKE EVERY HEARTBEAT IN THIS ROOM MATTER – THAT IS MY COMMITMENT TO YOU, AND I EXPECT THE SAME IN RETURN. THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR!

Love, Mrs. Shadow