

English 1 Syllabus

Welcome to your freshman year! English 1 is a survey course where ninth graders focus on the analysis and appreciation of Literature. This course looks to improve upon skills, including in-depth reading of texts, formal essay writing, participating in class work and discussions, taking quizzes and tests, and giving oral presentations. *Note - this syllabus will be posted online for future reference.

Curriculum: (This is a basic list, but is not all-inclusive).

TEXTS:	<i>Ulysses</i> <i>Of Mice and Men</i> <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> 6 independent Reading Selections (3 per semester - Accelerated Reader)
WRITING:	Formal essays Research paper / analyzing non-fiction In-class writing assignments / practice as necessary
OTHER:	Vocabulary through <i>Wordskills</i> Grammar as needed

Grades: (My grades are maintained solely on *Schoology*. *Home Access* grades may or may not reflect accurately).

- Grades will comprise points earned through classwork, tests, Accelerated Reader, and written assignments:
- A = 100 – 90%, B = 89 – 80%, C = 79 – 70%, D = 69 – 60%, and F = 59% and below.
- ***Grades are calculated by total points converted to a percentage; they are not weighted.**
- Classwork includes, but is not limited to: bookwork, participation, active reading, vocabulary, written work, notes, group work, creative projects and presentations.
- Tests include, but are not limited to: vocabulary quizzes, quizzes, unit exams, and finals.
- Accelerated Reader (AR) includes: passing **six** A/R tests between first and second semesters (3 first, 3 second).
- Formal essays include successful completion of **ALL**, MLA-formatted essays and TBEAR essays.

Late Work / Extra Credit Policies:

A student is allowed 3 late assignments for a maximum of 3 days each per semester!

- These are tracked and earn at the most 50%. Once the third late assignment has been reached, parents will be informed that no more late assignments will be accepted and any assignment not turned in by the due date will receive a grade of zero AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE MADE UP. This is a school-wide policy.
- Absences will be allowed 1 day per day missed to make up work and will be considered ‘on time’ if submitted within the allotted timeframe.
- All assignments are due on the due date unless the teacher makes an adjustment.
- **EXTRA CREDIT IS GENERALLY NOT OFFERED.**

District Policy for Plagiarism:

Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com site.

Absences:

You are responsible for everything that happens in the classroom whether you are present or absent. I will work with students on a case by case basis; I do understand emergencies and will address these situations accordingly.

Classroom Rules

- At the time that class is scheduled to begin, you will be in your seat, prepared to work, with your charged Chromebook closed and phones put away.
- You will show the proper respect to all the people, equipment, furnishings, and ideas in our classroom.
- **CLASSES ARE CELL PHONE FREE ZONES!**
- **CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS AND WILL REMAIN SILENT AND OUT OF SIGHT FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS.**
- **PER SCHOOL POLICY: STUDENTS MAY USE THEIR PHONES AT LUNCH AND BEFORE / AFTER SCHOOL. CELL PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING CLASS TIME.**
- **PARENTS AGREE NOT TO TEXT OR CALL STUDENTS DURING CLASS TIME AND TO GO THROUGH THE OFFICE IF THE STUDENT NEEDS TO BE CONTACTED.**
- You will follow directions the first time they are given.
- You will observe all the rules in the student handbook.

Cheating/Plagiarism - Referral and/or suspension from class; zero points on assignment for all students involved. Other repercussions are also possible.

Cell phones/electronic devices - Phone/device confiscated and sent to Assistant Principal.

Defiance/Disrespect - Possible referral to Assistant Principal; possibly more, depending on the severity of the infraction.

Refusal (Refusing to participate in class activities and/or 'not working') - Referral to Assistant Principal

My commitment this year as your teacher is to be respectful, consistent and fair.

I look forward to a fun and exciting year!



Please review this with your parents and return the attached sheet, signed, by you and your parent / guardian by the due date given in class.

Printed First and Last Student Name: _____
(So I can read it...)

Student Signature: _____

Printed Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____