

English 1 Syllabus

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Welcome to your first year of high school at BRHS! This is the beginning of your high school career and is a most important year to get off on the right foot. This is a foundation year that prepares you for the next three years of your education. In this class you will learn to write well, read carefully, and think critically – three things that will be of benefit to you in high school and beyond. So, the class can concentrate on these three important skills, I will expect everyone to conduct themselves appropriately. Who knows, we may learn something and have fun at the same time. (It could happen...) I look forward to working with you.

First Semester

Texts: Selected short stories
Heroes, Gods and Monsters
Ulysses
Poetry Out Loud

Writing: Basic STEPS essays
MLA Format
Literary essays

Other: Wordskills/Vocabulary
No Red Ink – grammar

Second Semester

Poetry
Romeo and Juliet
Of Mice and Men
To Kill a Mockingbird

TBEAR Paragraphs
Literary essays

Wordskills/Vocabulary
No Red Ink – grammar

Grading Policy: Grades are based on point systems which are converted into percentages and letter grades. All discussions of grades are by appointment only. I will be available for appointments before school, Bruin Time and after school. Grades will not be discussed during class time.

Late Work Policy:

1. No late homework accepted without a late work coupon and will only be accepted one(1) week or less after the assignment was due. **You may only have 3 late assignments per semester.**

No Name Papers: Papers and projects without a name will be placed in the no-name box where students can claim their work within a reasonable time. After one week unclaimed work will be discarded

Make-up for Absences: You are responsible for everything that happens in the classroom whether you are present or absent. The first place to start when you have been absent is to ask a friend for her/his notes and check that extra handout box for any assignments you may have missed. If you have any questions about what you have missed, please make an appointment to see me. I am available before school, Bruin Time and after school. Do not ask me to explain missing assignments during class time. You have as many days to make up the assignment as days you were absent. Minor homework assignments you got and were due the day you were absent are due the day you return; otherwise, they will be classified as late work.

English I Signature Sheet

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand and agree to follow the expectations of this syllabus.

Student name printed

Student Signature

Parent Signature
