Phone: Pone number to be announced

# Welcome to English II (ESOLII) and Sheltered Reading II!

I am excited to have each of you in my class this year. This year, we will travel to unknown lands and time periods with great literature, learn how to express ourselves through the art of writing, and share many wonderful experiences that will inspire and equip you to imagine and realize your dreams and goals. Standards are high, expectations are clear, and it is your responsibility to abide by them. Step into your greatness.

# THINGS TO REMEMBER DAILY

- ❖ The teacher dismisses you **NOT** the bell. You may begin packing your backpack **AFTER** the day's lesson is complete.
- Stay in your desk until I dismiss you.
- ❖ Be in your seat when the bell rings ready to begin the day's journal.
- ❖ Please help to keep our room clean. Your trash belongs in the trash.
- ❖ Treat others as you would like to be treated. (The Golden Rule!)
- Show respect for yourself, others and school property.

## Please refrain from using any electronic devices in class without my permission.

Cell phones must be turned in at the beginning of each period. Use of any device without approval from the teacher, will result in the device being confiscated. You are responsible for all rules covered in your Student Handbook and on this syllabus. **Be sure to read it!!** 

#### **GRADES:**

Your nine-week grade will be averaged from tests, quizzes, written assignments, homework, timed writings, and papers. Grades may also be taken for class participation. All tests will be announced in advance to allow you time to prepare. Each grade is important, so always do your best. There will be a minimum of 3 major and 9 daily grades each grading period.

My grading scale is as follows:

A = 100-9	$0 \qquad \qquad B = 89$	9-80 C=79-	70 F=69-0	
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## **Grading Policy:**

- ✓ All daily grades, quizzes, and tests will be graded and uploaded to Skyward within 5 school days after being collected.
- ✓ All timed writes will be graded and uploaded to Skyward 10 school days after the assignment was collected.
- ✓ All major essays will be graded and uploaded to Skyward 15 days after the assignment was collected

#### **Retesting:**

- 1. Students who earn a grade below a 70 on a major grade test (does not apply to quizzes or essays) will have the opportunity to retake the test. Students will have 5 days from the day that the grade was posted. Student can earn up to a 75 on the retake by using the following procedure:
- 2. Attend a tutorials session to go over material covered on the test. Student must come to this session with questions to be addressed.
- 3. Attend a 2<sup>nd</sup> tutorials session to retake the test. The retake does not have to be in the same format of the first test. For example: if a multiple-choice test was originally given, for the retake a student may write an essay covering the same skills.

Student must attend a tutorial session in order to be eligible for the retake. Student may not show up only to retake the test.

#### PAPERS:

To be accepted, all <u>major</u> papers MUST be typed, double-spaced and in 12 point Times New Roman font (adhere to MLA format and style), <u>and</u> uploaded to turnitin.com by the deadline(s) given.

#### **Department policy states:**

All papers (hard copy) must be turned in on the due date stated by the teacher, by the beginning of the student's class period.

If for some reason a student does not turn in their essay during their period, the paper is considered late and 10 points will be deducted for each day it is late.

DO NOT come to class and ask to print your paper on the day it is due. This must be done in advance.

#### Paper submission using turnitin.com is mandatory.

Students must turn in a digital receipt with the final copy of their paper the day it is due. (This receipt will be e-mailed once paper is submitted on turnitin.com.)

You will receive a "0" until your paper is uploaded.

#### FAILING AN ESSAY.

Any student that fails a major essay has the opportunity to revise their paper for the possibility of earning a grade up to a 75. The student must come in for a conference and fix both content issues and mechanics issues. The revised essay must be submitted within 5 days of receiving original graded essay.

Other assignments may be written but <u>must be on loose-leaf paper</u> in blue or black ink and written on **only** the **front** side of the paper. <u>DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK. Any work written on the back will not be graded. Paper torn from a spiral notebook will NOT be accepted!</u> Any assignments of two or more pages must be stapled. ALL papers turned in should have the proper MLA heading. All work is due at the **beginning** of the period. Late assignments will <u>NOT</u> be given credit unless arrangements have been made with me <u>prior</u> to the start of class. <u>Work not submitted on time will be recorded as a zero. This applies to both daily grades and major grades (see major grade essay policy for the exception)!</u>

** If you are absent from my class on the day a major essay is due, but you are at school that day, I will expect you to turn
in your paper to me <i>that</i> day. If you do not, it will be considered late, and a point deduction will occur (see above policy).
HALL PASSES:
You will receive three hall pass for each nine weeks. No replacement coupons will be given. If you do not use your pass in the nine
weeks, it will be redeemable for extra credit at the end of the nine weeks.
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ABSENCES:
Check your school handbook. You have as many days to make-up work as you are absent. It is <b>YOUR</b> responsibility on
the <u>first</u> day you return to see what material and assignments were missed. If you do not see me, I will assume you are choosing
not to make up the work missed, and you will receive a grade of ZERO. Work assigned before your absence and due during you
absence or the day of your return is due when you return.
SUPPLIES: Refer to the attached list.
IMPORTANT LINKS YOU SHOULD KNOW:
Grades, attendance records etc. can be accessed through Skyward. The link for family access
is: www.fortbendisd.com/familyaccess/. (In order to use this site, a parent/guardian will need to come up to the school
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This copy MUST stay in your binder for the entire school year. It should be the first thing in your binder. You, the student, need to initial by every heading in bold and sign below. This acknowledges that the syllabus has been read and explained to the student and that the student understands everything within the syllabus. Parents and students please fill out and sign the attached sheet.

Printed Name	
Signature	
Class Period	Date
Thank you	

Thank you,

Ms. N. Tulla

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# **Electronic Policy Agreement**

\*\*By signing this form, you and your parent/guardian are acknowledging and agreeing with the stated classroom procedures and rules. If any electronic device (cell phone, iPad, iPod, Surface, Kindle, etc.) is seen or heard without previous permission from the teacher, the device will be confiscated. You also understand that any form of cheating (sharing answers with peers, plagiarism etc.) will result in a zero and a referral to the principal.