

English III A Course Syllabus

Course Description:

This English III course focuses on developing students' analytical and writing skills through the exploration of various literary and informational texts. Students will engage with complex themes, character development, and authorial intent, while honing their own writing processes.

Course Objectives:

- Analyze and interpret literary texts, understanding their themes and structures.
 - Develop critical thinking and comprehension skills through reading and discussion.
 - Create well-structured written responses that reflect students' understanding and analysis of texts.
 - Engage in respectful discourse with peers, fostering collaborative learning environments.
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Required Materials:

- Laptops (students must bring their laptops every day)
 - Access to digital texts and resources as assigned
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Grading Policy:

- **Major Grades:** 50% (Minimum of 3 major grades per term)
 - **Daily Grades:** 50% (Minimum of 9 daily grades per term)
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Class Policies and Expectations:

- Students are expected to attend class daily and try their best.
 - Active participation in discussions and group work is essential.
 - Assignments should be submitted on time; late work may incur penalties.
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Units Overview:

Grading Period 1: Author's Craft: Literary Structures and Analysis

Estimated Dates: August 12th to September 13th

Key Concepts:

1. Building a literacy community
 2. Analyzing character and theme
 3. Understanding the interactions among setting, plot, character, and theme
 4. Analyzing language and structure
 5. Editing and publishing work
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Grading Period 2: Author's Craft: Informational Text Structures, Analysis, and Inquiry

Estimated Dates: September 15th to October 7th

Key Concepts:

6. Analyzing thesis statements and authors' purpose
 7. Connecting thesis and evidence
 8. Understanding text structure
 9. Editing and publishing informational texts
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Assessment Overview

- **Common Formative Assessments (CFAs):** Conducted throughout each unit.
- **State/National Assessments:** Include PSAT and STAAR exams.
- **Final Assessments:** October 9th and 10th.