

English III Syllabus

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Conference: 5th

Tutorials: M/W 7 - 7:30 am

Areas of Study

- literary elements
- timed writings
- silent sustained reading
- short stories and poetry
- fiction, nonfiction, & expository texts
- literature circles
- close reading & annotation
- short answer responses

<u>Compositions</u>

- rhetorical analysis
- literary analysis
- expository essay
- argumentative and/or persuasive essay
- college essay
- narrative essay
- character analysis
- interpretative response

<u>Literary Periods Covered</u>

- Early American
- American Romanticism
- Realism
- Naturalism
- Harlem Renaissance & Modernism
- Contemporary

Texts Covered (Fall & Spring)

- A Raisin in the Sun Lorraine Hansberry
- The Crucible Arthur Miller
- Of Mice & Men John Steinbeck

- Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury
- misc. short stories and poems
- self-selected reading

(it is not required that students purchase these novels/plays, but it is highly encouraged)

Supplies

Bring to class every day:

- folder for handouts, notes, etc.
- loose-leaf notebook paper (college ruled)
- pens (black or blue)
- pencils
- highlighters

Donate the following:

- 1 box of Kleenex OR 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 box of markers OR one pack of colored pencils OR one pack of black pens OR one pack of highlighters

<u>Campus Grading &</u> <u>Reassessment Policy</u>

- Minimum of 6 daily grades, 3 major grades per term (ever 9 weeks)
- Grading percentages:
 - o daily grades 50%
 - o major grades 50%
- If a student fails a major grade, they have the opportunity to reassess for up to a 75
 - student must attend at least one tutorial in order to have the reassessment opportunity

<u>Campus Late &</u> <u>Absent Work Policy</u>

- Daily AND major grade assignments are late if the student has not turned it in by the teacher's requested time and date
- Point deductions for daily AND major grade late work:
 - o one day late minus 20 points (maximum grade of 80)
 - o two days late minus 30 points (maximum grade of 70)
 - o three days late 0
- If a student is absent, they have however many days they were absent to complete their assignment(s)
 - if the student has not turned in their assignment(s) after their allotment of days, a grade of 0 will be entered in Skyward

Plagiarism & Academic Dishonesty

- When instance(s) of plagiarism are discovered, the student will receive a 0 for the assignment, daily OR major.
- The student will receive a disciplinary referral in Skyward and the guardian will be contacted.
- The student will have no opportunity to reassess/retest for the plagiarized assignment.
- Plagiarism and/or academic dishonesty does go on the student's record and will prevent them from joining National Honor Society (NHS) or any other academic honor society.
- Working with other students on assignments that are not designated as group work DOES count as academic dishonesty. If you are struggling with an assignment, reach out to your teacher, not a peer.
- Use of any Al program to complete work without teacher permission is considered academic dishonesty.

Technology Policy

- Students should not have their phones out at any time. They are not allowed for any reason per state law.
- Cell phones, smartwatches, headphones/earbuds, and personal communication devices must be powered off and in your backpack as per school and district policy.
- If any device is out, it will be confiscated and handed over to administrators.
- You are expected to bring your charged laptop to class every day. If you are found to be doing anything on your laptop that is considered off task behavior, I will submit a discipline referral.