

# English I Syllabus

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**Planning Period: 7th Period (2:25 to 3:15)**

## **Course Overview:**

Throughout the school year the class will read from a variety of written works from major literary genres, namely nonfiction, poetry, short stories, and the novel. Students will gain skills in writing organization, annotating for comprehension, using rhetorical elements in persuasive writing, and understanding the structural elements of fiction. Additionally, students will practice vocabulary, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and writing skills associated with specific formats and genres. Upon completion of this course, students will possess the reading and writing skills they need to move forward academically.

## **Daily Material:**

- Composition Notebook
- Pen/Pencils
- Library Book

## **Rules and Expectations:**

- 1. Be Respectful**
  - Listen and learn when others are speaking.
  - Treat classroom, classmates, and materials with courtesy.
  - Use appropriate language at all times.
- 2. Be Responsible**
  - Bring all materials with you each day.
  - Arrive to class and start work on time.
  - Follow directions.
- 3. Be Resilient**
  - Try your best everyday.
  - Encourage your classmates.
  - Maintain a positive attitude.

**Grading Policy:**

Grades will be based on the student's performance on formative assessments, summative assessments, participation/effort and semester EOC/Final. As outlined by Bath County High School Grading Policy, grade weights are as follows:

- ★ Formative Assessments: 20%
- ★ Summative Assessments: 60%
- ★ Participation and Effort: 10%
- ★ EOC/Final: 10%

**Homework:**

Any assignment not completed during class will be completed at home. Students will be given adequate class time to complete assignments, in addition to Study Zone period.

**Make-up Work:**

If a student is absent from class, it is his/her responsibility to get notes, assignments, or other information. Students will be given a reasonable amount of time to turn in make-up assignments, or arrange a date to complete the assignment during study zone. Failure to complete the assignment in an ample amount of time will result in a failing grade on the assignment. Any formative assessment that you wish to make-up or retake should be done BEFORE the summative assessment for that unit. Moreover, a summative assessment should be made up or retaken BEFORE the next summative assessment. You are better off, however, to complete make-ups and retakes as soon as possible.

**Google Classroom**

Some of our assignments and many of the assessments will be done in Google Classroom. You will need to remember a password for your email account in order to access Google Classroom. This password must be updated every 90 days.

It is very important that you keep your email account open and password current to be able to complete your work. Failure to do so will result in missing grades and possibly break detention, if it is a chronic problem. You will be given a code to sign up for Google Classroom for each class that you have with me.

## **Classroom Policies and Procedures**

### **Beginning of class:**

- Must be in seat with needed materials and working on current assignment when the bell rings, or counted tardy.
- Backpack must be placed on the back of your seat or under your desk.

### **Bell Work:**

- Must be started before the bell rings.
- Must be completed in the allotted amount of time, counts toward participation grade.
- Silence during bell work, unless instructed contrary.
- Failure to work on bell work will result in a break detention.

### **Materials/Supplies:**

- Students may use ink pen or pencil on assignments only.
- Students need to bring their composition notebook, and a writing utensil to class daily.
- Failure to bring materials to class will result in a break detention.

### **Bathroom:**

- Students are given three bathroom passes per semester.
- Students must sign the classroom log before leaving and upon return.
- Passes do not carry over to next semester.
- Students will be permitted to use the restroom additional times with the consequence of a break detention.

### **Sharpening Pencil:**

- Pencils may be sharpened before class starts, during individual work, or group work.
- You may not sharpen your pencil when someone is talking or presenting.
- Always ask permission first.

### **Food:**

- Eating is not allowed in the classroom.
- Water is allowed, in a clear plastic bottle, no additives.

### **Trash:**

- At the end of class please throw any trash away.

### **Group Work:**

- Only talk to your assigned group members.

- Stay on task.
- If you have any questions ask a group member first.
- Stay in your assigned area.

**Finished Early:**

- Read, write or study.

**Traveling:**

- Single file line.
- Quietly.

**Dismissal:**

- Students should not stop working or pack up until the bell rings, unless specifically told to do so.
- Any materials brought to class must be taken.
- Classroom must be neat before leaving.
- Students will be dismissed by the teacher.