



Welcome to English II !!

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General Information

Course Overview:

English II builds on major principles taught in English I. Students will focus on expanding their formal and informal forms of written expression. Students will also practice analyzing various texts. It is designed to prepare them for English III.

Major Works Covered: Could change throughout the year.

The Kite Runner To Kill a Mockingbird Julius Caesar and/or The Merchant of Venice
Anthem Expiration Day

Grades:

Classwork/Participation- 20%

Homework- 20%

Quizzes- 15%

Writing- 25%

Projects/Tests- 10%

Semester Test- 10%

Materials Required:

Notebook with pockets or a binder with college ruled loose leaf paper

Pencils

Library book or book from home

PowerSchool:

Grades are entered into Powerschool on a weekly basis. Major papers and projects are the exception to that as they tend to take much more time to grade.

Remind:

I will use the Remind app this year to upload assignments, PowerPoints, Word Documents, study guides, announcements, etc. Remind is a safe messaging app, and it allows teachers, students, and parents to communicate outside of class. I will be available 24/7 to answer questions, give feedback on assignments, etc. Remind is available as an app or through texting. If you prefer to use texting to receive all files and communicate, text 81010 and put in the message field the class code. Make sure to use the @ symbol. The class code can be found below. If you prefer the Remind app, you can enter the class code as well.

Class Code: @dfc7d

Important Information

Parent Permission:

Some of the materials we cover in class may contain graphic scenes and language, such as *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. If you wish for your child to not participate in this particular reading, we can make arrangements beforehand. Please let me know as soon as possible by emailing me.

Late Work:

Because this is an advanced course, students should turn in all work on time. Example: A student is at school on Monday when an assignment is given. Let's say this said assignment is due on Wednesday, but then the student is absent Tuesday, the assignment is still due on Wednesday. The student will only receive extra time for an assignment if he or she was absent on the day it was assigned.

Academic Honesty:

It is imperative that students realize not doing their own work only hurts them. Cheating in any form will result in a zero on that assignment.

Homework:

Homework will be given almost every night. Homework may consist of reading a chapter of the novel we are studying and/or completing activities on quotes. Students should show up to class with homework completed.

Technology:

Byng High School is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Campus. Students are encouraged to bring any smart devices to campus as opportunities to use these devices in class may arise. In my class, I will always announce when that time will be. Some assignments might require students to use their phones to research or work on assignments. Sometimes, students will be allowed to listen to music while working on assignments. However, while I'm teaching, students will not be on their phones. They should be out of sight or lying face down on their desk/table. If a student is on his or her phone during class, the teacher has the right to take the phone. The first time a student's phone is taken, he or she will get it back at the end of the day. The second time a student's phone is taken, a parent or guardian will have to visit the office. If at any time a student refuses to hand his or her phone over to the teacher, he or she will be sent to the office.

Mature Content:

Some materials we cover in class will contain mature content (*The Kite Runner*) and deal with real world issues. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions!

During our film unit, we will watch *Psycho* (1960) and *Inception* (Pg-13/ 2010). Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about these films.

Pre-AP English II Contract- Things to Consider:

Descriptions of Advanced Courses

- Advanced Placement (AP)
Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college-level courses. At the end of the year, there is an AP exam that all enrolled students are expected to take. Scoring high enough on the AP exam awards college credit. AP courses earn an extra 1.0 towards weighted GPA; for example, A=5.0, B=4.0, etc.
- Pre-AP
Pre-AP courses are advanced courses that are prerequisites to full AP courses. Pre-AP courses do not have an AP exam at the end of the year and do not award college credit. Pre-AP courses earn an extra 0.5 towards weighted GPA; for example, A = 4.5, B=3.5., etc.
- Honors
Honors courses are advanced courses that are not associated with the AP program or AP exam. Like Pre-AP courses, honors courses earn an extra 0.5 towards GPA.

Student Expectations

Students that enroll in an advanced course should...

1. Have a personal interest and skill in the subject and a desire to gain a deeper understanding of the material. Students should not enroll in advanced courses solely to bump their GPA.
2. Be willing to challenge themselves. Advanced courses are more rigorous than regular courses and require much more effort to get good grades. Students should accept that enrollment in an advanced course does not guarantee an A or B grade.
3. Dedicate time outside of class for studying, reading, homework, projects, and research. Advanced courses require much more time outside of class than regular classes. When necessary, students must seek individual help on their own time.
4. Prepare for and actively engage in class discussions. Mature, distraction-free discussion is a vital component of success in advanced courses.
5. Uphold Byng High School's handbook rules regarding cheating and plagiarizing. Academic integrity is taken very seriously in advanced courses. All work submitted must be original work created by the student. Submitting plagiarized work will result in zero credit for the assignment, and the student will be placed on probation for potential removal from the advanced course.
6. Some courses require completion of a summer assignment. Failure to submit the summer assignment on the first day of class will result in immediate removal from the course.
7. Take the corresponding AP exam, if applicable.

8. Thoughtfully select their workload. Advanced courses are not for everyone. It is recommended that students do not pursue an advanced course if it is not an area of personal strength or if they do not have time to dedicate to the course.

Agreement

I understand the responsibilities and expectations that come with enrolling in an advanced course and agree to meet them to the best of my ability. I recognize that failure to meet these expectations may result in the removal from the advance course.

Student Name (print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date