

English 1
Course Policies
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Required Texts

- * *Gods, Heroes and Men from Ancient Greece*
- * *Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding
- * *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee
- * Grammar book
- * Vocabulary book

Required Supplies

- * **Binder w/ dividers**
- * Highlighters
- * Pens
- * Assignment notebook

Welcome to Freshman English! The theme of English I is **FOUNDATIONS**. We will learn the building blocks of writing, reading, vocabulary, and grammar. You will build upon what you learn this year during the following three years of English. We do many different types of reading and writing so you can find your strengths and improve your weaknesses.

Units - 1st and 2nd semester

- Greek Mythology (short story/vignette reading)
- Personal Narrative (creative writing)
- Grammar (parts of speech, apostrophes, capitalization, homonyms, punctuation of quotations)
- I-Search (research writing)
- Lord of the Flies (novel)
- Romeo and Juliet (play)
- To Kill a Mockingbird (novel)
- Reading Café (reading novels of choice)

Within each reading unit we have reading quizzes, tests, and a variety of creative and analytical projects.

Participation

Active participation in all class activities is required for all students. "Participation" means listening attentively, taking notes, sharing opinions and ideas, and coming to class with the assignment completed to the best of your ability. **If you do not bring a required book to class, you will be deducted 5 points for the day.**

Attendance

- You are responsible for any work you missed and when it is due.
- Homework or essays due the day you were absent must be submitted the day you return at the *beginning* of the class period.

- If you are absent for a *preannounced* test or quiz, you must take it the day you return.
- Unexcused absences result in a zero for any assignment due that day. (3 unexcused absences result in being dropped from a class.)
- *Helpful note:* If you are absent due to sickness, have your parents call the Attendance Office the day you are sick! (It will make your life much easier when you return to school!)

Tests and Quizzes

All tests will be announced in time to allow for adequate study. In addition, there will be unannounced quizzes as a motivation to keep up with assigned readings.

Homework and Essays

Homework is due on date I give when I assign it. I may accept late-work for half-credit, depending on the nature of the assignment.

A large portion of your grade in English I is based on practicing and doing the homework. **If you do not do homework, you can count on your grade being lowered up to 2 letter grades.** Homework counts a lot!

Tardy Policy

Please be in your seat when the bell rings. However, here are the rules beyond that:

Tardy 1: freebie

Tardy 2: discussion with me after class

Tardy 3: detention after school and call home

Tardy 4: behavior report to Dean and call home

Grading

All grading will be done on a point system proportionate to the importance of the assignment. Class participation and preparedness will be a portion of your grade each quarter. The scale for assigning grades to points conforms to department guidelines as follows:

A=90-100% B=80-89% C=70-79% D=60-69% F=59% and under

Conferences and Extra Help

I will be very happy to help any student with any problems. I am available before or after school in the English Teachers' Workroom (C-130).