

ENGLISH I ACCELERATED - COURSE OVERVIEW

Welcome to English I Accelerated! Here are some important points to remember about this class.

Required Texts

Semester One

Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes
Antigone

*Old Man and the Sea**

Fahrenheit 451

Night

Anthem

Selected short stories, poetry & nonfiction

Grammar for Writing

Semester Two

Romeo and Juliet

Midsummer Night's Dream

Lord of the Flies

To Kill a Mockingbird

Required Supplies

1. folder with dividers for the following categories: literature, writing, grammar, vocabulary, research
2. small stapler
3. notebook paper
4. one manilla folder
5. pen with white out and a pencil with an eraser
6. spiral for English only
7. assignment notebook

Attitude: Keeping a positive and respectful attitude is the most important thing to remember about English class and life in general. This means understanding that the work given in this class is not punitive but purposeful. Grades and comments given on returned homework are between you and me, and we should discuss anything you question or wonder about. Most importantly is the fact that we respect each other's individual differences and treat each other with kindness and consideration. This is especially important in an English class where we constantly reveal ourselves through our discussions and writing.

Absences: Finding out about what we did in class and what reading or homework we have is YOUR responsibility when you are absent; therefore, please copy down at least two students' telephone numbers so that you can discuss what went on in class. I will give you any handouts the next day you return to class. Be sure to review them. You can ask me about any details after class or through an email. If you are absent the day of a test, expect to make up the test the next day you return unless you have been ill for an extended length of time. Then see me to schedule a day.

Homework: All homework must be done on the computer unless otherwise specified. All homework must be correctly formatted according to our writing committee's guidelines. (See handout.) In addition, please staple all assignments as needed. Keep in mind that though quality in writing is always expected, so is quantity. When a homework assignment is specified as "one page" on the computer, this means exactly that otherwise points are deducted.

As a freshman in a high school, advanced English class, late work is unacceptable. Please plan ahead to avoid last minute emergencies. When your printer or computer is down, please take the time to go to the writing lab or library before school or before class to print up your work. The other less acceptable solution to a computer problem is to write out the assignment. Please do not come to class with just your disk. If you are having difficulty meeting a deadline, it is crucial that you communicate with me prior to the due date.

Let's work together to make this year a success! I am in our classroom after 9th period each day until 3:30 PM.