

English II
2020-2021 Syllabus
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Welcome to English II. I am so excited to guide you on your journey of continuing to navigate high school. This year we will be developing our skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. To be a critical thinker, it is important that you have the skills to analyze literature and communicate your ideas. The skills you will learn in this classroom will be used throughout the rest of your life. Literacy and communication skills are needed to be successful in high school and beyond.

Content Standards: To view the standards we will be covering this year; you can find them in the content area curriculum maps. These can be accessed through the Volusia County Schools website: www.vcsedu.org.

Resources:

- Textbook: This year we will be using the HMH Florida Collections, which will remain in class. Students may access the text via VPortal (Digital Resources tile) and/or check their own copy out from the Media Center.
- Online Materials: Canvas will be used to house all classroom assignments. If you were absent or would like to review notes, work, etc. access Canvas by going to VPortal, find the Canvas tile, and click English I/II (whichever is applicable to you)

Required Materials:

- Spiral or composition Notebook (to be left in English Classroom)
- Pencils
- Blue and red pens
- Lined paper
- Highlighters (at least 2 colors)

Requested Materials (Optional but greatly appreciated):

- Hand sanitizer
- Tissues
- Dry Erase Markers
- Sticky Notes for class activities

Classroom Expectations/Rules:

- Be respectful to yourself and others...be kind

- Follow directions the first time
- Always try your best
- Be on time, on task, and prepared every day
- Follow the rules found in the Student Code of Conduct

Classroom Procedures:

- Arrive to class before the tardy bell to gather materials, be seated, and begin the bell ringer. This is not time to engage in horseplay, wander about the room, or use your electronics
- Backpacks/personal items are placed under your seat for the entirety of class.
- Adhere to the 10/10 rule and only leave the room during independent work time (not during teaching).
- Clean up after yourself but keep trash till the end of class.
- Cellphones are to be kept in your backpack (on silent). At no time during class are you to access your cellphone.

Grading:

Per VCS Secondary Grading Guidelines, each student's grade will be based on diagnostics (0%), formatives (40%), and summative (60%) assessment grades.

Diagnostic Assessments: These assessments do not impact your grade but are vital to gaining an understanding of your current knowledge and to help the instructor to plan lessons to your needs.

Formative Assessments: This includes classwork and quizzes. This is used to assess student's understanding of specific standards prior to Summative assessment.

Summative Assessments: This includes tests, essays, presentations, and projects. There are used to measure student's understanding of the standards.

FOCUS: You and your parents/guardians can access your course grades on FOCUS which is located on the Volusia County website: www.vscedu.org.

Retake: You may retake an assessment after completing remediation. Please let Miss Buday know that you would like to retake the test so she can provide you with the next steps. Do not wait till the end of the semester to be concerned about your grades.

Learning is not a sprint; it is a journey.

Absence

You will have the number of days absent +1 day to make up the missed assignments. Please see me if you have any confusion regarding when your work will be due. If your work is not turned in during the amount of time allotted, you will lose points on your assignment.

It is your responsibility to find out what you missed. This can be found in the absentee folder at the front of the room. This should be done as soon as you return.

Late Work: As a high school student, it is your job to manage your time and complete assignments within a certain timeframe. You will have one week from the time the assignment was originally given to submit the assignment. For each day that it is late you will lose five points. After one week, the grade will be a permanent zero. If you consistently have difficulty turning work in on time, we will set up a parent-student-teacher conference to find a strategy to help you.

Leaving the Classroom: As a young adult, it is your job to ensure that you are in class to learn. Any reason for leaving the classroom (drink, bathroom, etc.) means you lose out on that part of the lesson. Please use your time in between classes wisely. If you need to leave, ensure that you are back within 8 minutes. Only one student may leave the room at a time. Be courteous to your classmates.

Food/Drinks: Per Pine Ridge High School rules, there are no food or drinks in the classroom. You may keep a water bottle under your seat to sip during class.

Multimedia Material: Films and video clips may be used to enrich student learning. Films and clips may include unrated content, as well as content rated G, PG, and/or PG-13. All videos will be prescreened by a teacher to determine appropriateness.

Contact Information: I am looking forward to a great year. If you or your parents/guardians have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me at klbuday@volusia.k12.fl.us. Please allow 24 hours for a response (during weekdays). Any emails received on a Friday will be answered by that time on Monday. If you would like to schedule a parent conference, please contact our school counseling department at (407)-688-9500 Ext.43997.

Please complete the following page and return to Miss Buday within two days.

Course Agreement
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By signing below, you agree to the information shared in the syllabus.

Student Name _____

Class Period _____

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Parent / Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent / Guardian Email Address _____

I have read and understand the expectations and requirements of English II. By signing below, I agree to follow the rules and procedures listed in the syllabus, and to do my best to be successful in the class.

Student Signature

I have read and understand the expectations and requirements of English II. By signing below, I agree to support my student by encouraging learning and hard work. I give my student permission to view films and video clips described within the syllabus.

Parent Signature