

English I Syllabus
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Course Description/Tennessee State Curriculum Standards

This course is structured around the areas of reading, writing, language, speaking, listening, and research.

For specific information about the new standards, please visit the TNCORE website at: http://www.tncore.org/english_language_arts.aspx.

Course Textbook and Units of Study

For this class we will be using the following texts:

My Perspectives, English 9 Language Arts, Pearson
Elements of Grammar, Third Course, Holt, Rinehart, and Winston.

In addition, students will read short fiction/nonfiction articles from various sources including Articles of the Week, commonlit. In addition, students may read *In Harm's Way*, *Book Thief*, or *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

Units of study will include the following:

American Voices	Star-Crossed Romances
Survival	Journeys of Transformation
The Literature of Civil Rights	World's End

Course Supply List

Students will need the following materials for this class:

- Three-ring binder with three dividers (labeled Literature, Vocabulary, Grammar and Notes)
- College-ruled notebook paper
- Pens and pencils

Class Expectations

Students are expected to follow the University School rules as outlined in the student handbook as well as the English Department rules for this class. Other specific rules are as follows.

- [**Bring a positive attitude.**](#)
- [**Be respectful**](#) to the teacher as well as other students.
- Be on time for class and if late, you must have a tardy slip from the office.
- Be prepared for class. You will not be allowed to return to your locker once class begins.

- Be an active listener and always participate in classroom activities.
- **Complete all assignments.** In order for you to be successful in this class, you will be expected to complete all homework and class assignments.
- Take care of restroom needs in between classes and not during class. If there is an emergency situation and you need to use the restroom, you must sign out.
- Cell phones are not allowed in the classroom. Leave your phone in your locker or put it in the bin when you first enter the class. If you choose not to put your phone in the provided bin, then if I see your phone out during class, I will take it and you may pick it up from the office.

Canvas Expectations

Students are responsible for knowing how to navigate Canvas. For this class, assignments and handouts are located in the modules section. Each of unit of study will have a module where students will find the individual assignments under the unit as well as any handouts. Daily class outlines will be located in the Daily Class Outline module.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism/Cheating

University School is responsible for maintaining academic integrity for all of its students. It is the responsibility of the students to refrain from infractions of academic integrity, from conduct that may lead to suspicion of such infractions, and from conduct that aids others in such infractions. Infractions of academic integrity include but are not limited to:

- Cheating (using or attempting to use any information that the student knows is unauthorized)
- Fabrication (unauthorized falsification or invention of information in an academic assignment)
- Plagiarism (representing the words or ideas of another as one's own ideas, including copying from another person's paper and using Artificial Intelligence sites (AI) without proper citations)
- Facilitating infractions of academic integrity (Helping or attempting to help another commit an infraction of academic integrity)

The above policy includes copying homework, lab papers, workbooks, and tests materials. It also includes using the on-line translators in world languages. Students who facilitate cheating will receive the same consequences as those who copy the work.

Students caught plagiarizing/cheating will be addressed by teacher and/or school administration. Incidents of cheating or plagiarism could result in a disciplinary referral and loss of credit for the given assignment. Repeat offenses may result in additional disciplinary action at the discretion of the administration.

Grading Procedures

Each assignment will be assigned points. Points will be decided based on the complexity of the activity. For example, journals may be worth 25 points while an essay may be worth 100 points. This class will have a state End-of-Course examination which will count a percentage of the grade.

University School Grading Scale

Total Points	Grade
100 - 90	A
89 - 80	B
79 - 70	C
69 - 60	D
59 - Below	F

Homework/Late Work Policy

There will be homework for this class on a regular basis. You are expected to complete all homework assignments. Please see the English Department Policy Guidelines for further information.

Policy for High School English Department

1. All assignments are due on the date designated by the teacher. An assignment turned in **the day after an assignment is due** can earn up to 75 percent credit. An assignment turned in **one week** after the due date can earn up to 50 percent credit; however, the assignment must be completed thoughtfully and fully in order to receive any credit.
2. An assignment turned in on the due date but after the class period is also considered late. Only a **hard copy** of the assignment or an email with your assignment attached and sent by **before the class begins on the due date** will be accepted as on time. Just bringing a jump drive to class does not constitute a hard copy. Students should make prior arrangements to avoid computer glitches if a word processing program is used.
3. A student with an *excused* absence has one extra day for each day absent to turn in missing assignments. Full credit will be awarded for excused assignments turned in within the time limit. Missing assignments or assignments turned in past the deadlines will receive no credit.
4. It is your responsibility to make up any missed tests or quizzes. You may make these up at the testing lab during your study hall.

5. It is your responsibility to turn in late work and make arrangements to make up any tests or quizzes. Your teacher will not interrupt class to ask for late assignments or to schedule a time for you to make up a test.
6. If an assignment is illegible due to handwriting or color of ink, the paper will be returned to the student ungraded and he or she will have one day from the day the paper is returned to rewrite or type the assignment and turn it in for late credit.
7. Each assignment completed must have your name written on it. Ten percent will be deducted from the assignment if there is no name written on your paper.

Testing Days

English Department testing days are Wednesday and Fridays.

Extra Assistance

I am available during study hall if you have any questions or concerns. You will need to sign out through your study hall before coming for help. You may also email me any questions or concerns.