

English II Course Syllabus: 2019-2020

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Course Description:

In their study of various literary genres, English II students will reinforce the base knowledge of the skills necessary for success in high school English. Identification and use of proper grammatical mechanics for written communication are also emphasized. Students will read and analyze for literary merit and for historical significance. All students will study grammar and demonstrate composition effectiveness through writing.

Classroom Expectations:

- Be prepared daily – Come to class with all materials necessary.
- Be respectful – Respect yourself and others always.
- Be focused – Be ready each day to eliminate distractions from your learning experience.
- And remember...Do right and ALWAYS bring your best!

Cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices:

Cell phone activity will not be allowed during class. For all classes, electronic devices are expected to be away and out of sight. Failure to meet this expectation will result in consequences as described by WHS.

Course Supplies:

*One (1) composition notebook *REQUIRED

Writing Utensils

WHS English Department Grading Policy:

Major grades: 60%

Daily grades: 40%

English II Late Policy

10th, 11th, 12th grade Pre-AP and LEVEL:

Daily Work= -30 points per day, Nothing accepted after 2 days

Late Work, Make-up Work, and Absences:

- ❖ **Students should make every attempt to turn in ALL daily work on time.**
- ❖ All assignments to include papers, projects, tests, and any other assigned work will be turned in on the due date. If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to find a way to get the assignment to me. The penalty for late daily work is minus 30 points per day. **After the second day, the student will be unable to turn in the assignment.**
- ❖ Common assessments and benchmarks have the option to retest after the student has completed remediating activities. If the student masters the all concepts on the retest, the highest grade awarded will be 75%.
- ❖ **It is the student's responsibility to collect and complete all work missed due to an absence** – to include all notes, assignments, and reading.
- ❖ **Tests and quizzes must be taken on test/quiz day** – even if the student is absent the day prior. If a student is absent on the day of the test/quiz, it is the student's responsibility to make-up the test/quiz no later than the amount of days absent from instruction. The grade for a missed test or a missed quiz will entered as "0" regardless of the type of absence until the student makes up the missed test or quiz. This is important to remember. Please note that the student cannot wait until the end of the marking period to make up a test.
- ❖ If a student knows in advance that he/she will be absent, that student should ask for assignments ahead of time and have them completed when he/she returns to class. Please come before or after school or email the teacher to attain assignments.
- ❖ I will accept digital assignments and clear pictures of projects/assignments that may have been forgotten at home. (email must be received **by the class period due date**).

Communication:

The best way for students and parents to contact me is via email (kkelley@willisisd.org). Please subscribe to my twitter (@KelleyWHSEng) for reminders about assignments and/or school news. Tutorial hours are Tuesday/Thursday until 3:15; I am also available upon appointment.

