

# English II

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Please, both student and parent/guardian, read the following course syllabus and sign and date below.

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***Student Signature***

***Parent/Guardian***

***Date***

## ***Course Description***

English 10 focuses on building high school level reading and writing skills. Some texts we will read in this course include *Persepolis*, *Night*, *Othello*, and an assortment of poetry, nonfiction, and fictional texts. All texts will fulfill the requisites of world literature as prescribed by the Common Core Standards as well as the reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening skills. Additionally, dramatic inquiry strategies will be used throughout reading and analysis processes of various texts to encourage creative, hands-on interpretation of texts.

## **Behavior Expectations: Respect, Integrity, Pride**

**RESPECT:** Appropriate and considerate behavior is expected at **all** times. Above all else, disrespect of any kind will not be tolerated. To be respectful means to...

- Understanding that **everyone has his or her own story**
- Being considerate towards others
- Knowing when to listen and when to speak
- Engaging in lessons
- Leaving the room in a better condition than when you entered
- Remembering that we are a **team** and must function as one

**INTEGRITY:** Every student is expected to purport themselves with honor and maintain a sense of truth. This includes...

- Being honest
- Coming to class prepared
- Following the rules put in place on all levels

**PRIDE:** Taking pride in your work, community, and self is an asset to both your future and present. This includes...

- Being positive about your immediate environment
- Speaking about yourself, peers, and community at large in a constructive way
- Ensuring that you give 100% of yourself at all times

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:**

Technology is a great scientific development, and cell phones will, at times, be used in the classroom. However, **unless it is announced** that we will be using cell phones, the expectation is that they will be **out of sight**. All emergency calls should go through the Shelby high school office. If a cell phone is seen in use or in sight during an undesignated time, the behavior will be dealt with immediately. The student will be sent to Mr. Calver's office, at which time he/she will be given one Thursday school as punishment.

## **Recommend Course Materials:**

- 1 spiral bound notebook
- 1" or 1.5" 3-ring binder with inside pockets (2" is too big)
- dividers (sold in packages of 5 or 8; plain with no pockets)
- blue and/or black ink pens
- #2 pencils

## **Communication Plan**

All students and parents are strongly urged to join me in using the Remind app program.

**Remind is free and secure.** It allows me to send you text reminders about upcoming due dates and assignments; it also allows students to text me (without disclosing phone numbers) with questions using the chat feature. If you need help, email me with the cell numbers you want added to the program, and I will send you an invitation. Other contact information is listed at the top of this document.

**To join, text:**

**2nd Block:** @hkdgc4 to 81010

**4th Block:** @ka389g to 81010

## **Make-up Work**

**Please note: It is YOUR responsibility to obtain your make-up work, complete it, and turn it in.**

If you have an EXCUSED absence from class, you will have the number of days you were absent to complete and turn in your make-up work. **Descriptions of assignments, or information on how to access material online, can always be found on the Google Classroom or the class website.** If any additional materials are needed, they will be filed in the "Assignment" files. See me for assistance. Make-up tests and quizzes will be completed after school or in class if space and time is available.

## **Missing Assignments and Late Work**

If a student does not turn in an assignment on the day it is due, the assignment is marked "missing" in Progress Book. The student will docked 50% of the total grade for every day past its due date. In other words, the assignment is only worth half of its original value if it is turned in one day past the due date, and worth nothing if it is two days late.

## **Grading Scale**

**A** - 90 - 100

**B** - 80 - 89

**C** - 70 - 79

**D** - 60-69

**F** - Below 60