



Teacher: Ms. Carmona
English I: Syllabus
Conference Period: 7th period 1:15- 2:50 pm
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Course Rationale:

English I is designed to help you understand different strategies for approaching the way in which we read and write. Our reading will be centered around the major literary genres, namely nonfiction, drama, fiction and poetry, and we will write in the major modes of writing (narrative, expository, persuasive and poetry). This class will prepare you to encounter a world that requires all of us to be readers and writers. Just like in the world, being a non-reader and/or a non-writer is not an option.

Grade Breakdown:

Daily Assignments 60%
Test/Projects 40%

You may access grades through our frontline system. Progress reports are available every 3rd and 6th week.

Absences and Tardies:

In order to be successful, it is essential that you attend class and participate during class projects and discussions. Per TEA guidelines a student must be present **90%** of the time to receive credit for a course (extenuating circumstances will be considered by our attendance committee). Please arrive on time to class so that you do not miss out on instructional time (fifteen minutes or more can be considered an absence).

Late Work:

Late work is accepted within the 3 weeks grading period and will have a point deduction. It is due at the end of the class period or you will not be given credit for the assignment. If you have a school- related or excused absence, keep in mind that you have **2 days** to make up any missing assignments or you will not receive a grade. If any exemption should be given penalty for late work is as follows:

- The highest grade a late assignment can earn is a 70

Tutoring:

Everyone may need help or extra time to complete assignments. Please communicate your needs with me and do not wait until the last minute to set up an appointment.

Classroom Management:

All students are expected to adhere and comply with district rules and policies. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook regarding any concerns.

Cell Phone Usage:

Cell phone usage is not permitted in class and will be collected at the beginning of every class period and returned before the end of class.

Restroom Passes:

Only five passes will be allowed total per 90 minute periods for all students in the classroom.



**Ms. Carmona
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Classroom Rules**

Be Respectful

1. Listen and learn when others are speaking(earbuds and phones should be out of sight).
2. Treat classmates, classroom and class materials with courtesy.
3. Use appropriate language at all times.

Act Responsibly

4. Follow directions the first time they are given.
5. Arrive on time to class with all necessary materials

Remember Safety

6. When a substitute is present, make sure to follow all instructions.
7. Do not pack up before the bell or line up by the door. I will instruct you when to do so.

Kindness Matters!

8. Give your best every day.
9. Encourage your classmates.
10. Maintain a positive attitude.

Supplies:

1. Chromebook and charger
2. Composition books/ spiral notebooks
3. Plastic folder

Consequences: (Remember, you are in high school now. It's time to step up.)

Step 1: I will address you respectfully so that we can better understand each other's perspectives.

Step 2: We will have a mini conference to see what support is needed.

Step 3: I will contact a parent or guardian if behavior doesn't improve.

Step 4: We will contact a school counselor, administrator, or other school personnel to figure out ways to help you be successful.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

I understand that by signing I indicate that I have been given notice of the policies and procedures necessary to be successful in English I.