

ENGLISH I: C BLOCK

Ms. Martell's 2019-2020 Syllabus

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Course Overview

English I will cover an array of literature, nonfiction, and poetry. Students will be reading and writing every class whether it be a close reading of an excerpt from a text, a poem, a novel, or an article from a newspaper. Students will learn how to evaluate and analyze texts through annotation strategies. They will also learn how to write various types of essays and responses in which they learn to thoroughly and thoughtfully develop strong ideas and arguments. Students will improve the craft, structure, vocabulary, organization and mechanics of their own writing through revision and peer editing. This class will require students to do a significant amount of reading and writing both in school and at home.

Reading Materials:

1. *To Kill a Mockingbird*
2. *Romeo and Juliet*
3. *Of Mice and Men*
4. Various short stories, poems, nonfiction excerpts, essays, etc.

Required Materials:

1. Three ring binder or folder
2. Notebook (or loose leaf paper in a binder)
3. Writing utensil
4. Agenda/daily planner for recording homework
5. Chromebook **and** charger
6. Novel or text that we are currently using must be brought to class every day.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are not permitted during class without explicit teacher permission. Students are required to turn their phones on silent and place them in their assigned pocket on the hanging phone organizer by the door. I may occasionally allow cell phones for instructional purposes or allow students to listen to music during independent work.

- Consequences for violating the cell phone policy may include verbal warnings, phone confiscation for the remainder of the school day, phone call home, after school session, administrative action, etc.
- If you have extenuating circumstances that may require phone usage, please let me know and we can determine an appropriate plan.

Class Expectations

- All students are expected to be **engaged, respectful** of classmates and teacher(s), **prepared, organized**, and **self-advocates**. Students should always come to class with an open mind and a positive attitude.
- Students are expected to behave appropriately and professionally. They must adhere to all policies in the **student handbook**.
- Students must turn in work **on time**. Late work will receive partial or no credit.
- Students must ask permission, fill out the sign-out sheet by the door, and take a pass every time they leave the classroom (to go to the bathroom, get water, go to their locker, go to the nurse, etc.). Students who leave the room for more than 10 minutes will be penalized
- Students are responsible for **completing any missed work** when they are absent! Homework and unit assignments will be posted on my website and on Google Classroom. Follow up with me (in person or via email) or with a classmate to obtain any further missed work.

Grading

As opposed to a percentage system, my class will operate on a points system. Each assignment will be worth a certain number of points, depending on the category. A student's final grade is determined by how many points he or she earned out of a cumulative number of points. The point values are as follows:

Homework (including reading check quizzes)	10-30 points
Classwork (participation, bell ringers, in-class activities, etc.)	10-40 points
Small Assessments (quizzes, in-class writing prompts, etc.)	60 points
Major Assessments (tests and exams, projects, papers, etc.)	100 points

Date: _____

I, _____, have read Ms. Martell's English syllabus,
(Print Student Name)

understand the class rules and expectations, and agree to adhere to all class policies.

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