

2025-2026
COURSE INFORMATION SHEET
MVLA

Course Title: SAI English III Course Code: #MO133

School: Mountain View High School

UC/CSU requirement: No/No. Good for HS graduation requirements and entrance to 2-year community colleges

Textbook and/or other learning resources: Contemporary nonfiction essays and articles, contemporary short fiction, various accompanying documentaries and films, student-selected literature, and culturally relevant texts. Students will utilize ERWC curriculum (expository reading and writing).

Student Learning Outcomes:

Development of basic reading and writing skills as outlined in the student's IEP. SAI English III is the next step in the SAI English sequence. SAI English III teaches students the skills and strategies to read nonfiction texts, articles, novels, and essays in preparation for texts they will encounter in SAI English IV. Emphasis is placed on literature that is diverse, culturally responsive, and engaging. Homework, class activities, discussions, reading assessments, and projects are designed to develop students' language arts skills as well as to help them foster an appreciation for and confidence in reading. Students are also taught to express themselves orally through presentations, classroom discussions, and Socratic Seminars. The course teaches students to use technology in meaningful ways to gather, analyze, and evaluate textual information.

Assessment and Grading ([BP 5121](#) / [AR 5121](#)): To ensure that every student has an equal opportunity to demonstrate their learning, the course instructors implement aligned grading practices and common assessments with the same frequency.

1. Grading categories and their percentage weights:
 - Reading – 20%
 - Writing – 20%
 - Listening and Speaking – 20%
 - Assessment - 20%
 - Participation – 10%
 - Work Habits- 10%
2. Achievement evidence collected within each grading category:

Students will be assessed on daily reading, writing, and oral participation in class, as well as assigned homework.
3. Homework/outside of class practices ([AR 6154](#)): Homework typically consists of a reading assignment and accompanying reading notes primarily in the student's selected book of choice, or work on an upcoming major assignment. It is assigned approximately three times per week, and students are expected to have completed their work before the start of the next class. The Homework/Classwork/Participation category of a student's grade will be reduced if homework completion or quality is not sufficient.
4. Excused absence make-up practices ([Education Code 48205\(b\)](#)): If you have an excused absence, check with a reliable classmate for what you missed. It is your responsibility to find out about make-up work. In general, you have one day to make up missed assignments, quizzes, tests, etc., for every day of excused absence, unless otherwise arranged with your teacher. For a missed reading assessment, it is your responsibility to attend one of the make-up sessions offered by your teacher.

5. Academic integrity violation practices ([MVHS Academic Integrity Policy](#)): Honesty, trust and integrity are vital components of the education process. The Governing Board believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic dishonesty. Students and families should understand and act upon the values of academic integrity and should encourage the highest standards of academic behavior from themselves and their peers. It is expected that all work completed for a class is original work created for that class, for a specific assignment. Violations of Academic Integrity will be dealt with in a manner consistent with the MVLA-LAHS Academic Integrity Policy.
6. Late work practices: All late or make-up work is due by the end of each unit. Be on time and do not cut class. You may make up missed work if absent; it is your responsibility to reach out to talk with the teacher and see what you missed. Late work will be accepted until the end of each current unit.
7. Revision practices:
You may rewrite/revise a major assignment. Not all assignments are eligible for rewriting. You must speak with your teacher and complete the required steps if you wish to rewrite a paper. A full draft is required in order for a major assignment to be considered on-time.
8. Extra credit practices: Not available in this course
9. Additional grading practices: None

Instructors' email addresses:

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Additional information:

Classroom Rules:

All students are expected to conform to the adopted district policies for student attendance and standards of behavior. MVHS Student CODE OF CONDUCT contract will be explained and signed by each student.

Specific rules students are expected to follow include:

1. Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings.
2. Be respectful, polite, and helpful to your teachers and classmates.
3. Bring materials to class daily.
4. Listen attentively to instructions.
6. Respect and maintain classroom equipment and furnishings.
7. No cell phones use during class or social media