

**2025-2026**  
**Collinwood High School**  
**15210 St. Clair Ave, Cleveland Ohio 44110**

**Course:** English I

**Instructor** – Ms. Antoinette J. McCall

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**Available hours:** By request

**Course Overview:** The course includes Common Core Standards (CCS) for English Language Arts. Students will use supplemental materials and the textbook from **Savvas - My Perspectives**. Located in Clever, **Savvas - My Perspectives** will allow students to collaborate and engage in classroom discussions that encourage them to think critically about what they read and write. Students will focus on **Unit 1: Survival** **Unit 2: Promise and Progress** **Unit 3: Crazy, Stupid Love** **Unit 4: Journey of Transformation** **5: The Things We Make**

Our learning management will be done on **Schoology** (School-o-gy) which is located through Clever. In Schoology, you will find your assignments, due dates, grades and resources for class.

**Classroom Rules and Expectations**

1. All school policies and classroom rules will be enforced.
2. At all times, students and teachers will treat each other with mutual respect.
3. **Tardy policy:** Arrive to class late. (1<sup>st</sup> violation = warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation = student conference; 3<sup>rd</sup> violation- detention.) Students should be seated by the first bell. Tardy students will sign their name and the time on the sheet by the door.
4. **Attendance:** Students who are absent are expected to bring an **excused absence note to school and/or call the school secretary at 216-838-0500.** **Make-up policy:** Students will have the opportunity to make-up individual work. Assignments for group work cannot be made up. It is expected if you have internet access you complete your individual task in the group assignment.
6. **Late Work:** Homework and daily assignments are due as assigned. Reduction in point value.
7. Revision of assignments: Students are encouraged to revise any assignments to improve their score and demonstrate mastery.
8. **Dress Code policy:** Students are expected to be in dress code daily. Students will not be allowed to wear hoodies, ski masks or bonnets in class.

9. All required materials must be brought daily. Laptops are to be treated respectfully.

10. No food or drink (except bottled water) allowed in class. Except when the teacher provides it.

**11. Cell Phone Policy:** Phones should be confiscated at the start of school. However, if a student is caught on his/her cell phone at any other time, it may be confiscated until the end of the class or school day.

12. Students may have headphones/earbuds to use for required learning videos at the teacher discretion.

13. **Passes:** Students may not leave the classroom the first or last ten minutes of class. Students may be given passes to leave the classroom after instruction.

#### Classroom rewards

- Phone call home
- 5-10 minutes of unrestricted time
- Treats/snacks
- Listen to music
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

#### Classroom consequences

- Verbal reminder
- Teacher-student conference
- Phone call home
- Detention
- Office referral
- \_\_\_\_\_

#### Classroom Expectations

- Present and on time
- Respect people, property and self
- Be attentive and engaged in your learning
- Be responsible for assignments and behavior
- Be kind, supportive and positive
- Keep classroom clean
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## Grading

The categories are: **Content Knowledge** from tests, quizzes and projects (40%), **Classwork** (30%), **Participation** and **Presentations** (10%), and **Do Now/Exit Passes** (20%). Each student can monitor his or her mastery of the standards.

Grading scale:

**A = 100%- 90%**

**B = 89% - 80%**

**C = 79% - 70%**

**D= 69% - 60%**

**F = 59 - 0%**

**Tutoring:** Tutoring may be provided after school Tuesday-Thursday from 2:35-4:00 with the After-School All Stars.

## **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is forbidden. According to *Dictionary.com*- it is "The unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work by not crediting the author.

- using words or ideas from a published source without proper documentation
- using the work of another student (copying homework, composition, or project)
- using excessive editing suggestions of another student, teacher, parent, or paid editor

**Ms. McCall's Philosophy**

It is my belief that all students have the power within to learn and make positive choices. It is through those choices they realize their potential and create a life of purpose and fulfillment in a diverse culture.

**To the parents/guardians of English I students,**

Welcome to Collinwood High School for the 2025-2026 school year. I look forward to a productive and successful year with your child. Every school year provides an opportunity for growth and challenges for students, and parental involvement is essential, especially during these times. Please take the time to carefully read the syllabus with your child. Email or text me the information list below for my records and acknowledgement you have read the syllabus. I am requesting that parents provide a phone number and email address where you can be reached. You may contact me through email, phone or text messages. Please plan to attend in person parent-teacher conferences and school meetings as educating your child is a team effort.

Please sign below or email me your information to:

[Antoinette.McCall@clevelandmetroschools.org](mailto:Antoinette.McCall@clevelandmetroschools.org)

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I have read the syllabus. I understand the objectives, policies and procedures as stated.

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Signature of student

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Date

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Signature of parent or guardian

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Date

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Parent/guardian's phone number (Best time to call)

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Parent/guardian's cell phone or alternate number

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Parent/guardian's email address

May school staff text you? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)