

# English I Course Syllabus

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Welcome to English I! I am looking forward to a fun and exciting semester, and I hope you are, too. This year, we will be learning about the elements of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama while becoming expert readers and writers. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *The Odyssey* are just a few of the pieces of literature we will be reading.

**Textbook:** Language of Literature 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Edition, published by McDougal-Littell

## Classroom Rules and Consequences:

- ❖ *Please be aware that one un-served detention results in another detention, and two un-served detentions result in a referral*
- ❖ *Failure to give up a confiscated item results in an immediate referral*
- **Remain silent when someone else is addressing the class!** Side conversations are incredibly disrespectful to both the speaker and to other students and inhibit a student's right to learn.
- **Keep cell phones off and out of sight.** This is a county policy and is also a major distraction.
- **Stay seated until the teacher dismisses you.** The only reason you should be out of your seat is when instructed to do so by the teacher or if you need to use the restroom. Getting up for any other reason becomes an irritation.
- **Keep all food and drinks outside of the classroom (except for water).** Please contribute to a pest-free learning environment by keeping all of your snacks in your bags

## Classroom Procedures:

**Absences** – Daily assignments will be listed on the class website at

<http://www.monarchknights.com/teachers/shartrand.html>. It is the student's responsibility to make up any work missed due to an excused absence within two school day's time.

**Class Work** – All individual class work will be kept in a folder in the classroom. This class work is worth 20% of the final grade. Remember, this work should be done *individually* and any instances of copying or cheating will result in a zero for that assignment. Assume all work is individual work unless I specifically state otherwise.

**Group Work** - Throughout this class, we will complete many group activities that will reinforce class material. Your participation in these activities will be recorded for a grade.

**Participation** – Students are expected to be engaged in all class activities. A weekly participation grade will be given based on each student's participation in class, worth a total of 10% of the final grade. Students will also have an opportunity to gain participation points by sharing their answers to the daily warm-up and cool down, and will lose points if not paying attention or completing the work.

**Silent Reading** – Every Friday students will spend at least twenty minutes of class time reading a book of their choice. During silent reading time, the student must be reading silently, and will receive a grade based on whether or not he or she is doing so. The student is responsible for bringing a book of his or her choice to class to read. After silent reading time is over, students will then write a reflection in their reading notebooks.

**Tests**– Frequent tests will be given on the material covered. If a student is absent for a test or quiz, a separate essay version of a make-up test will be taken after school on an appointed date within a week of the original test date.

**Vocabulary Quizzes** – Every day students have the first ten minutes of class to complete the vocabulary warm – up which will involve two vocabulary words. Each evening, students will look up the definitions

of an additional two vocabulary words on their own for homework. Each Friday, we will have a quiz on these vocabulary words. These quizzes are worth 10% of the final grade

**Writing** – Every Wednesday is “Writing Wednesday”. Each week, we will be practicing techniques that will help us to become better writers. Aside from this, we will often be writing essays that will reflect and demonstrate comprehension of and reactions to the literature.

**Grading Policy:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Class Work</b>	<b>Group Work</b>	<b>Participation</b>	<b>Silent Reading</b>	<b>Tests</b>	<b>Vocabulary Quizzes</b>	<b>Writing</b>
<b>% of total grade</b>	20	5	10	10	30	10	15

**Academic Dishonesty:**

Under NO circumstances are you to copy someone else’s work and use it as your own! This includes and is not limited to copying from the Internet, your neighbor, a book, etc. This rule also applies to plagiarizing. If you are caught plagiarizing, copying, or cheating in any way, you will automatically receive a zero and a detention. Please properly cite sources.

*Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!*

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **English IV Course Syllabus Acknowledgement Form**

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**Thank you for taking the time to review the attached syllabus. Please provide me with the following information so that I may be able to easily contact you in the future if I need to.**

Student email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing below, you acknowledge that you have thoroughly read and understand the information in the attached syllabus, including information regarding classroom rules, procedures, consequences, grading, required materials for this class, and the academic dishonesty policy.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian's signature

**I'm looking forward to an exciting and successful semester! Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns whatsoever. I am available by appointment before school, after school, or during lunch. I can also be reached by e-mail at [Erika.Shartrand@browardschools.com](mailto:Erika.Shartrand@browardschools.com)**