

4.) Grading Scale

Below is my grading scale and weighted percentages for assignments, quizzes, and tests.

* Assignments and Homework-20%
* Quizzes or Informal Writings-30%
* Tests and Final Essays-50%

All assignments can be made up if missed.

Tests and quizzes can be retaken one time each.

Any extra-credit points earned will be applied at the end of the grading period.

6.) Class Goals and Rules

Below is a list of class goals:

* Students will engage on a personal level with readings and writing assignments.
* Students will treat adults and classmates with respect, trust, and honor.
* Students will achieve highly on an academic scale, and improve from where they are.

Below is a list of class rules that will be met with consequences if they are broken:

* Be in your seat, working on your assignment by the time the bell rings.
* Speak when spoken to, or at other appropriate times.
* Take care of your space, and be sure to mind other’s personal space.
* Leave your worries at the door.
* Dismiss when signaled by the teacher; not before.

5.) Assessments

Below is a list of the corresponding quizzes, tests, and essays that will be taking course over the course of the year.

1. A pre-year survey
2. An informative essay and two quizzes on non-fiction informative writing.
3. A narrative essay, three short story quizzes, and one short story test.
4. A written test over *Romeo and Juliet*, five quizzes, and an argumentative essay./Project
5. A written test over *TKAM* and three quizzes./Project
6. Three review essays and several practice tests.
7. A researched presentation on Greek and Roman Mythology and a unit test.
8. A post-year final exam.

3.) Year Overview

This is the general overview for the year’s coursework in order for you to move to Sophomore year.

1. Informative Non-fiction text and writing
2. Short Stories and Paired Poetry
3. William Shakespeare’s *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*
4. Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*
5. State Test Preparation and EOC’s
6. Greek and Roman Mythology
7. Welcome!

Greetings, and welcome to English I with Mr. Patel. I am so very happy to be your teacher, and I am looking forward to getting to know you over the course of the year. If you work hard and pay attention, you will truly get a lot out of this class. Not only will we read, write, and discuss texts, but we will explore our own personal stories. *All I expect is your best, and I will help you make your best better. Let’s make it a great year together!*

2.) Required Materials

Below is a list of required of materials for my class:

* Pens and pencils
* A composition notebook

Below is a suggested list of items for my class as well as others (these are not required):

* A binder or folder
* A daily planner

10.) Mr. Patel’s Contact Information

Contact me with any questions or concerns with my email below:

jonathan.patel@chestercountyschools.org

9.) Field Trips and Extra Credit

Below is a list of extra credit opportunities throughout the year. Others may be made available later.

* Theatrical performances and shows and 1- page responses.
* Independent Read Book Report

Below is a list of Field Trips that will be available first-come, first-serve:

* UT Martin’s Young Writer’s Conference
* The Civil Rights Museum in Memphis
* The Parthenon in Nashville’s Centennial Park

8.) Make Up/Retakes

* Any and all work will be made up if you miss. Make up work will be made available when you return from missing. It will be found in a folder in the room, or on Google Classroom.
* You may retake any test or quiz one time each after studying and reviewing for a chance to increase a low grade.

7.) Bathroom and Food/Drink

* You may eat and drink in my class as long as you clean up after yourself. This is a privilege that will be revoked if necessary.
* You will be allowed 3 bathroom passes for each trimester. If they are used up, you may not leave class to go to the bathroom.
* If you have a medical condition or doctor’s requirement that excuses you to the bathroom, the passes do not apply.

Accountability Agreement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, understand the above expectations and guidelines for Mr. Patel’s English I class. I intend to do my best in this class both academically and behaviorally. I agree to adhere to the rules and guidelines of the class and to accept any consequences should they need to be given. I will ask for help when I need it, and bring any concerns to my teacher in a professional and respectful way. Finally, I will follow the school’s guiding principles of Respect, Trust, and Honor.

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_