

Honors English II

Mrs. Matheney

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Course Description

Honors English II emphasizes the four language arts - reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Exposure to various types of advanced literature and the emphasis of developing written expression are stressed. The course includes a review of the Tennessee Academic Standards. In Honors English, assignments will be given to prepare students for future Honors and AP exams. Honors English students will be given additional advanced literature and vocabulary in preparation for these exams. Students are expected to produce excellent and advanced compositions and essays for their grade level.

Assignments

- Maintain an appropriate English binder with class notes, homework, and Independent Reading Logs
- Homework and reading will be assigned on most weeknights and weekends. Please plan your time accordingly.
- If you must be absent for illness or emergency, you are responsible for arranging to make up the work. See me outside of class time for your assignments. You will have time equal to the number of days absent to complete your work. If you arrange to make up a test, you will need to appear as scheduled, for you will not have another opportunity to take the test. If you are absent on a test day, be prepared to take the test the day you return, and if you return to class on a test day, you are expected to take the test unless we have made other arrangements before class time.

Novels

- *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman
- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

Grading Policy

- Tests = 30%
- Quizzes = 40%
- Homework = 20%
- Discussion/Participation = 10%

Class Rules

1. Be on time and on task EACH day. **#nofreedays**
2. Respect the teacher, the classroom, other students, and yourself. **#benice**
3. Be responsible for your own learning. **#beprepared #workhard #nocheating**
4. Clean up after yourself. **#notyourmom**
5. Keep all personal electronics put away. **#onlywithpermission**

How Can I Get an A in this class?

DON'T WAIT!!! To get an A in this class, you need to study hard, receive at least a 93 average on essays, homework, quizzes, and tests. You should also participate fully in class. You need to start doing this from day one! Don't wait!

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me at any time. You can reach me by email at Brianne.matheney@chestercountyschools.org or by phone at 731-989-8125. I am also available to meet most days before and after school.

Final Thoughts

Remember that this is an HONORS class. Expectations will be higher. The class will move fast. You will work hard. You will struggle. You will OVERCOME. Most of your success in this class depends on your willingness to push yourself academically. My goal is that you will leave my class appreciating all the success that hard work and commitment will bring you. I am looking forward to a great year!