

English II

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Course Description

English II is intended to enhance students' abilities to comprehend, analyze, and evaluate works of literature as well as to develop clear written expression. English II continues to reinforce the skills learned in English I, specifically focusing on the four language arts - reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students will be exposed to various types of literature and informational text, and the emphasis of developing written expression will be stressed. Students will analyze works of literature and explore their various themes and connect those themes to our current society. Students will be expected to write three types of essays over the course of the year: narrative, expository, and argumentative. Grammar skills will be an important part of this course, and all essays will be expected to have little to no grammatical errors. In addition to writing, students will also be expected to develop a research project using MLA format.

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**

Make-Up Work

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.

How Can I Get an A in this class?

DON'T WAIT!!! To get an A in this class, you need to work hard, receive at least a 93 average on essays, class work/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 concerning questions or suggestions. All material I use in class, including tests, is readily available for parent/guardians to review at any time. You can reach me by email at Brianne.matheney@chestercountyschools.org or by phone at 731-989-8125. I am available to meet most days before and after school.