



Glen Rose High School



English I-II
2022-2023

Welcome to English I-II. I am so excited that you will be joining me this year in class. I expect that you will always give your best effort and maintain a positive attitude for learning. This will be a busy year for you, but I hope that it will be enjoyable and meaningful as well!

Expectations:

Be in your seat with your 5-section spiral and MacBook ready to begin when the bell rings. Pick up any handouts for the day located by the door.

If anything is due, turn it into the tray. The timer for the bell ringer will begin as soon as the bell rings, no exceptions.

MacBook screen must be at least at ½ brightness at ALL times in class. Cell phones will be put away every day, no exceptions.

NO earbuds in ears at any time. Seating is first come, first serve, unless I feel the need to assign them.

Always leave the classroom better than you found it. Students will maintain a **respectful and positive attitude** toward the teacher and classmates. **No sleeping**. If you sleep, you will stand.

Text, Readings, Materials:

Students will need their school issued MacBooks and pens/pencils. They will also need a 5 subject spiral notebook. Canvas and MacBooks will be used daily and students are expected to come to class with their MacBooks charged.

The class will utilize the state adopted textbook My Perspectives English II. Students may access the online content through Canvas/Stoneware. Supplementary readings will be provided to students in class. Other readings may include:

Into the Wild

The Kite Runner

The House on Mango Street

Outsiders

Lord of the Flies

Long Way Down

Monster

John Krakauer

Khaled Hosseini

Sandra Cisneros

S.E. Hinton

William Golding

Ishmael Baeh

Walter Dean Myers

Classroom Rules and Procedures:

I do my best to make my classroom a fun and enjoyable environment for learning. However, in order to maintain that atmosphere students must do their part by behaving as responsible young adults including being polite, prepared, productive, patient, and prompt. Individual food and drink is permitted as long as class is not disruptive and food is not shared among students. All drinks must be in spill proof containers. Note: this does not include fast food type cups. **Students are expected to adhere to classroom policies at all times.** It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are in compliance with all classroom policies at all times. Social Contracts will be made by students in each period. These contracts will be signed and implemented upon completion.

Electronic Device/MacBook Policies:

Students are expected to come to school with their Macs fully charged. If there is a technical issue, the student is expected to see the librarian before school. Macbooks should be used for academic purposes only.

All student cell phones, listening devices, and other electronic distractions will be turned to silent with no alerts and put away.

Any student with any of these devices in an unapproved location will be warned first to put it away. If the device is out again, I will confiscate it until the end of class. Students who repeatedly violate the electronic policy will have their devices turned in to the office and can pick them up at the end of the school day.

Grading Policies:

Major assignments may be turned in before the due date, but **will NOT be accepted late**, except in the case of a medical or family emergency. Pre-assigned work due during extra-curricular activities and planned absences should be turned in prior to its due date. Late daily assignments will be accepted one day late for a grade no higher than an 85, the second late day no higher than a 75, the third day no higher than a 55. On the fourth late day, the assignment is still due, but will be a 0. Tutorials are available. Grade category breakdowns are as follows: -60% Major/Test -40% Minor/daily.

Retest-Makeup Policy:

Retesting is permitted only under the following conditions:

- a) Student received a failing grade on a test on the first attempt.
- b) All daily assignments that pertain to the test must have been completed and turned in on time.
- c) Retest must be accomplished within one week from the original test day.
- d) The retest will NOT be the same test taken the first time around, but will cover the appropriate objectives.
- e) The highest possible replacement grade on a retest is 70. A grade of 70 is not, however, guaranteed.
- f) Assignments not available for retakes/redos: long-term assignments, projects, presentations or semester exams. Long-term is defined as more than 3 days allowed in and out of class to work on an assignment, where there has been opportunity to correct or seek help before the assignment is due.
- g) Essay assignments are eligible for revision except in the case of plagiarism.
- h) Students who are absent will have two days to make up assignments for the first day of an excused absence. They will have one additional day for each day of an excused absence. Tests or quizzes that must be made up with teacher supervision must be made up within one week of the student's return to school. Students facing extenuating circumstances should see me.

Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism and academic dishonesty are serious offenses. The academic work of a student is expected to be his/her own effort. Students must give the author(s) credit for any source material used. To represent ideas or interpretations taken from a source without giving credit is a flagrant act. To present a borrowed passage after having changed a few words, even if the source is cited, is also plagiarism. Academic dishonesty also includes accessing online resources during the completion of assignments. Any collaboration on an individual assignment is considered academic dishonesty. All assignments should be completed individually unless otherwise noted in the instructions. Students who commit any act of academic dishonesty may receive a failing grade in that portion of the course work. Acts of academic dishonesty will be reported to the administration and to the parents of the student. For clarification on academic dishonesty students may refer to the classroom norms and procedures presentation located in Canvas. Failing grades for academic dishonesty cannot be dropped.

Extra Credit Supplies

Period 1-3-sticky notes (pack)

Period 2-4-highlighters (pack)

I look forward to a wonderful year,

Trava Smith

Preferred method of contact : smittr@grisd.net

Conference Time: (7:30-8:00)

Tutorial Times: Tuesday-Thursday 7:30-7:55; others by appointment

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I look forward to the 2022-2023 school year. I am excited to be your child's English teacher. Thank you for taking the time to read my course overview. I invite you to keep this overview somewhere safe in order to refer to it when you have any questions. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Please sign and return this form by Monday, August 22nd.

Thank you,
Trava Smith

By signing below, I have read and understood Mrs. Smith's English course overview and expectations.

My child (print name) _____ may participate in all of the media except (list any objections below):

Student Name PLEASE PRINT _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name PLEASE PRINT _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____