



Glen Rose High School

English II
2023-2024



Welcome to English 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 journal 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. Surface Pro screen must be at least at $\frac{1}{2}$ brightness at ALL times in class. Cell phones will be put in the chart every day, no exceptions. NO earbuds in ears at any time except when being used for an academic purpose approved by the teacher. 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 Surface Pros and pens or pencils. They will also need a one subject spiral notebook, loose leaf notebook paper, and one folder with pockets. Students who are able should provide one box of tissues and one package of Post-It notes to use in class. [Canvas](#) and Surface Pros will be used daily and students are expected to come to class with their Surface Pro 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 but are not limited to:

<i>Into the Wild</i>	John Krakauer
<i>The Devil in the White City</i>	Erik Larson
<i>The Tempest/Julius Caesar</i>	William Shakespeare
<i>The Kite Runner</i>	Khaled Hosseini
<i>The House on Mango Street</i>	Sandra Cisneros
<i>Outsiders</i>	<i>S.E. Hinton</i>
<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	William Golding
<i>Long Way Down</i>	Ishmael Baeh
Serial Podcast Season One	Sarah Koenig

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. Any information needed will be in Canvas.

Electronic Device/MacBook Policies:

Students are expected to come to school with their Surface Pros fully charged. If there is a technical issue, the student is expected to see the librarian before school. Surface Pros 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 placed in a designated location in the classroom. Any student with any of these devices in an unapproved location will have the device confiscated 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 Grade and 40% Minor Grade.

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) Students must attend a tutoring session outside of class to go over problems on the first test. Please schedule this session with the appropriate teacher.
- d) Retest must be accomplished within one week from the original test day.
- e) The retest will NOT be the same test taken the first time around, but will cover the appropriate objectives.
- f) The highest possible replacement grade on a retest is 70. A grade of 70 is not, however, guaranteed.
- g) 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.
- h) Essay assignments are eligible for revision except in the case of plagiarism.
- i) 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 contact Mrs. Stroud to discuss their options and develop a make up plan.

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. Failing grades for academic dishonesty cannot be dropped.

Extra Credit Supplies:

Kleenex
colored copy paper
notebook paper-1 package
red pens
pencils
sticky notes

I look forward to a wonderful year,

Jennifer Stroud

Preferred method of contact : stroje@grid.net

Class room phone: 254.898.3838

Conference Time: 6th Period (12:59-1:49)

Tutorial Times: Tuesday-Thursday 7:30-7:55; 3:35-4:00; others by appointment

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I look forward to the 2023-2024 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 21st.

Thank you,
Jennifer Stroud

By signing below, I have read and understood Mrs. Strouds' 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 _____

Circle preferred method of contact: email or phone call