

English II

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Through the analysis of various texts we can understand ourselves better and appreciate language's impact on many aspects of life. To explore these topics, we will read various short stories, articles, essays, poems, novels and plays. Our class will be developing and strengthening our reading, writing and analysis skills.

Expectations:

- Read and/or complete assigned work before coming to class
- Be prepared to discuss the assigned material. I expect you to not only answer questions about the material, but to have a point of view and raise questions as well.
- Listen to, analyze, and respect ideas from other students.
- Be willing to help others and to be helped.

Major Units of Study:

Dystopian literature unit

Argumentative writing unit

Shakespeare unit – *Taming of the Shrew*

Social justice literature unit

Due Dates and Absences:

Students will lose one letter grade each day that an assignment is late. Of course there are sometimes serious extenuating circumstances, and that can be taken into consideration on an individual basis. It is your responsibility to come and talk with me about this promptly. If you miss class, it is YOUR responsibility to follow up on missed classwork, tests and assignments.

Attendance/Participation:

Discussion is an important element of this class, and your participation is needed. By sharing our various reflections and insights we all gain a broader understanding. Because of this, regular attendance is critical to be successful.

Grading Scale:

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| A+ = 99-100% | B+ = 91-92% | C+ = 84-85% | D+ = 76-77% |
| A = 95-98% | B = 88-90% | C = 80-83% | D = 72-75% |
| A - = 93-94% | B- = 86-87 | C- = 78-79% | D- = 70-71% |

Supplies Needed:

- 1 box of Kleenex
- Folder
- Notebook
- Pens, pencils and highlighters
- A charged computer