

English 1 Syllabus

Summary: English 1 is the first level of high school literature and language and focuses on writing, speaking, reading, and listening skills to prepare for entry to a post secondary program or occupation.

Grading Procedures: Final grade for each quarter is made up of 4 parts, each weighted completely separate from the others. These include

- A. Quizzes and Tests: 25%
- B. Class work/Homework: 25%
- C. Attendance and Participation: 25%
- D. Midterm/Final Exam: 25%

A. Quizzes are small and frequent assessments of how a student is doing in class. Quizzes will average about 2 a week. There will be 2 types of quizzes: reading quizzes and skill quizzes. Reading quizzes are not always announced but are always on the reading assignment the night before. Skill quizzes are announced and are on the skills we have covered so far in the unit. Quizzes range from 5-20 points.

Tests are large assessments that assess a student's understanding of the skills and information from the unit. Tests will be announced and have reading selections we have not read in class to give students an opportunity to demonstrate mastery of the skills we cover. Tests range from 100-200 points.

B. Class work and homework will include journal writing, group discussions, papers, and other types of writing activities. All assignments will be given a point value to reflect the amount of effort the student is expected to have put into the assignment. These can range from 3-100 points.

C. Attendance is a percentage grade that starts at 100%. Students are only docked for tardiness or being over the allotted number of unexcused absences allowed per the school district attendance policy.

Participation is reflected in behavior and interactions during class. This grade also starts at 100% and only goes down if a student engages in disruptive or non-participatory behaviors during class and discussions.

D. Exams are final tests at the end of each quarter. They are cumulative tests on all of the skills we learned that quarter. They always include essay style questions on the themes of that quarter as well as grammar and writing mechanics we covered.