

Pre-AP English II

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Studies
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Grade Breakdown:

Daily grades/Quizzes = 50%,
Summative/Tests/Projects = 40%
Participation/Professional Communication = 10%



Required Supplies:

Students will need daily access to:

- composition notebook
- pens/pencils
- charged laptop

Classroom Policies:

In addition to school wide policies, I have three “non-negotiables” that I ask you to follow while in my classroom.

1. Be prepared! Bring all required materials to class, and sit in your assigned seat.
2. Be respectful! Treat all of your classmates, your teacher, and the classroom environment with respect.
3. Be an active participant! Attend class. Volunteer your opinions and insight during class discussions.

Late Work:

The late work policy is listed in the bullets below. Appropriate accommodations will be made for unique circumstances or documented student needs. Late work will not be accepted on the last day of each cycle

- Up to **one week late=maximum score of an 80%**
- Up to **two weeks late=maximum score of a 70%**
- Work more than two weeks late will not be accepted

Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty is not tolerated. Students caught plagiarizing will face serious academic consequences, including a **zero** on the assignment. **This umbrella of “academic dishonesty” includes copying homework, using artificial intelligence and representing it as their own, or discussing assessments outside of class.**

Classroom Library:

In order to create better thinkers with strong reading stamina, **students will participate in independent reading throughout the year.** Students will have a choice in picking out books to read independently. These books can come from home, the HCC library, the Houston Public Library, or from the bookshelves in the classroom. I have not read every book on the shelf, so students need to be aware that they should pick books that they and their parents/guardians are comfortable with reading.

Technology in the Classroom:

During class time cell phone & earbud use is not permitted unless directly authorized by the teacher. It will sometimes be acceptable to quietly listen to music while completing independent work, but unless explicitly stated, earbuds and headphones should not be visible in class. If a student has to be told to put their phone away more than twice in one class period, the student will serve a lunch detention within a week of the warning.

Tutoring Times:

Please come and see me or email me if you have any questions or need any help. I can be flexible with tutoring times. The official English tutoring day will be on Mondays from 3:30-4:30.

I am looking forward to a great year together!