

Pre-AP English I Course Syllabus Mr. Casanover

WELCOME

Pre- AP English 1 is a course designed to challenge the eager learner and take their English skills to the next level. In this course, interaction is key. A good classroom experience begins with you, the students!

IN THIS COURSE YOU WILL...



Zoom in on our selected texts and learn how to identify key components of a text.



Analyse how Literary Devices enhance and add new meaning to a text.



Write well thought out and persuasive essays which effectively state and defend a thesis.



Gain familiarity with AP style questions through repeated practice.



Read thought-provoking materials and discuss your ideas in class regularly.

WHAT WE'LL READ...

Books are currently "To Be Determined". By the second week, we should know exactly what we will be reading. Please be patient as we sort out what copies of books we have/do not have so we can plan out this years reading.

We will be doing independent reading. So please be thinking about books you would like to read! Cannot decide? Do not fret! I have recommendations in the classroom! Allowed independent reading is not limited to novels. You can read comics, graphic novels, E-Comics, or anything with a high academic rigor in its writing.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS...

Laptops are required to be brought to class every day. Please make sure all computers are charged. I understand that they may die throughout the day, so you may charge them in class. All outlets are first come first serve. Please ensure phones are turned off and out of sight. Phones may not be used in class unless given explicit permission to do so. Violation of this rule will result in phones being confiscated.

GRADING POLICY

60% Major Grades

40% Minor Grades

★ Retakes are only available on Major Grades scored below a 70. In order to qualify for a retake, the student must attend tutorials.

You can expect to read and and write A LOT! It's the only way to get better at both. Assignments will vary, but by the end of the year, you will have a portfolio that includes all of the work we do in class. Please note the vast majority of work will be done in Canvas.

Give your best effort daily.
Come to class ready to discuss material.
Take risks; experiment and play in your writing.
Annotate your readings.

Do your part when working in a group.
Engage in classroom conversation.
Bring materials you need for class.
Turn in work on time.



WORK HARD AND REAP THE REWARDS.

EXPECTATIONS