



English II Syllabus

2015-2016 Academic School Year

The Language Arts department of Sharyland Pioneer High School challenges all student learners to excel in the areas of reading, writing, and advanced critical thinking. In addition special emphasis is placed on enriched college preparation and readiness, mastery of the state's E.O.C (STAAR) examination, and improvement of SAT and ACT scores.

Course Description: English II is the study of World Literature. The course includes intense study of the elements of writing: rhetorical devices, voice, stylistic devices, grammar; the elements of literature: diction, language, imagery, syntax. The objective of English II is concise writing, coherent critical thinking, and mastery of all TEKS. It is designed to prepare students for the demands of college degree programs and/or for the workplace.

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Tutoring: Before School
Monday-Thursday by appointment

Parents: Please feel free to contact me with any questions throughout the year! My preferred method of communication is email; however, I would be happy to schedule a meeting or phone conference at your request.

Grading Policy (As per the Sharyland ISD handbook):

Grading Category	Examples	Weight	Minimum #
Major Assignments	Tests, research papers, projects/presentations, essays, etc.	60%	3
Minor Assignments	Daily work, journals, homework, quizzes, etc.	40 %	9

Supply List: DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH

*One box of tissues & hand sanitizer (optional but very much appreciated)

1. 1 USB Pen drive
2. Pens (blue/black, red) & pencils
3. 1 planner/agenda book
4. 4 highlighters (different colors)
5. 1" binder (will stay in class)
6. 1 package of college ruled notebook paper
7. One set of dividers (tab labels: notes, grammar. daily work, OERs, essays)
8. one composition book
9. *plastic* folder with brads and pockets (must be solid Black)



*The Sharyland ISD Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced!

Classroom Rules:

1. Be respectful.
2. Be responsible.

Consequences:

First offense: warning

Second offense: teacher/student conference

Third offense: parent communication

Fourth offense: office referral

*An extreme offense will result in an automatic office referral.

Electronic Devices:



Sharyland Pioneer High School implements a BYOD (bring your own device) policy. When given permission, students will be allowed to use electronic devices for educational purposes *only*. As per the Sharyland ISD handbook:

- 1st violation = 24 hour confiscation, parent must pick up device and pay \$15 fine.
- 2nd violation = 48 hour confiscation, parent must pick up device and pay \$15 fine.
- 3rd violation = confiscation until last day of school (no exceptions).

* Pick up times are 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM.

Make up Work/Late Work/Retests (As per Sharyland ISD handbook):

Students with an excused absence from school (including off-campus suspension) will have the opportunity to make up missed work at the rate of *one day for one day missed*, with a *maximum of five days*. Students who are absent but had prior notice of a major or minor assignment must complete the assignment on the first day back to school. Student will receive a *zero* for any major or minor assignment not made up within the allotted time.

Students with an unexcused absence may not make up missed work; however, if the unexcused absence is determined to be caused by an extenuating circumstance, makeup work may be allowed. The grade for the makeup work will be no higher than a *70*.

All students will be given *3 additional days* to make up a major assignment if late (with a progressive grade penalty of *10 points per day*). All students will be given up to *3 additional school days* to redo a failing major assignment, but the grade will be no higher than a *70*.

Statement for Academic Dishonesty:

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of our school. No student shall cheat or copy the work of another. Plagiarism, the use of another person's original ideas or writings as one's own without giving credit to the true author, will be considered cheating, and the student will be subject to academic discipline that may include loss of credit for the work in question.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE LAST PAGE AND RETURN NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015

ENGLISH II-_____(CLASS PERIOD)

Ms. Nicole Villarreal

*****Please return this page no later than Wednesday, August 26, 2015*****

I, _____, understand that I must abide by the classroom and campus policies outlined in the 2015-2016 English II syllabus. I *especially* understand that electronic devices may *only* be used for educational purposes with permission from the instructor.

Student signature

Date

I, _____, understand that my child must abide by the classroom and campus policies outlined in the 2015-2016 English II syllabus. I *especially* understand that my child may *only* use electronic devices for educational purposes with permission from the instructor.

Parent signature

Date

Parent email (if available): _____

Parent phone number: _____

Preferred method of communication (circle one): Email Phone

Parent primary Language (circle one): English Spanish Other: _____

Parent notes/comments:
