

# English I

MRS. REEVES  
2019-2020

English I is a required, year-long course for ninth graders. English I is composed of vocabulary, formal and informal writing assignments, the study of literature, a review of grammar, reading, and research. Selections will include the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, the play *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare, and the epic poem *The Odyssey* by Homer as well as short stories, poetry, informational text, and other resources. Students will read both in and outside of class. This class often requires regular Internet access, including occasional printing. Please make arrangements in advance to meet this requirement. Please inform the teacher in advance if there is an issue.

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## CLASS MATERIALS



1 inch 3-ring binder  
with 5 dividers  
Looseleaf paper

Pencils and pens  
Highlighters

## Phone Policy

Electronic devices such as cell phones are only allowed in my class for educational purposes because they cause too many distractions. Teacher permission must be given before their usage. A sign will be posted if phones are to be used. Students are directed to store their phones in the phone locker immediately upon entering the classroom. They may remove the phone once my pack-up alarm rings. A phone that is not stored properly such as in a lap or on a desk is considered a violation of class rules. The infraction will result in a referral to the dean's office. Students will not get a warning.

## Remind



All students are encouraged to use REMIND. It is a major way I communicate about the agenda and announcements. Note: It is a courtesy from your teacher and never an excuse for missing work!

## Grades

100-50

Tests, essays & major projects

40-30

Quizzes & written responses

20-10

Homework & Classwork

Grading will be done on a point system. Major assignments such as tests, essays, and projects, as well as some quizzes, count as 60% of the grade. Minor assignments such as classwork and homework count as 40% of the grade. The 9-week average will be a percentage of the total possible points. Students and parents are encouraged to check Gradeline regularly.

Note: a "Z" is a placeholder which means work can be made up or is missing. A "O" means an assignment was not done or no credit was given.

English I Classroom Remind:

Text the message @eng1reeves to the number 81010



## LATE WORK

ALL assignments must be completed and turned in on time or risk penalties. Major projects and essays will lose one letter grade per day past the assigned deadline. Homework assignments are due at the beginning of class. If the homework is not turned in to the class basket on time or checked by the teacher, the grade will be entered as a zero. In other words, do not expect to finish it in class! Printer and Internet issues are not an excuse for late work. Sports and other obligations do not excuse you from assignments and deadlines. Exceptions can only be made if I'm contacted by email or through REMIND and agree to an extension.

## Class Rules

Be respectful  
Be prepared  
Be responsible  
Be safe  
Meet deadlines

## PLAGIARISM & CHEATING



Plagiarism is the taking ideas and writings of another and passing them off as one's own

Plagiarism includes...

- turning in another's work as one's own
- copying work from a friend
- including a source but failing to cite it
- copying an author's exact words and passing them off as one's own.

Students caught plagiarizing or cheating will be given a ZERO for the assignment and may face a dean's office referral.

## ABSENTEE POLICY

It is the student's responsibility to find out what work was missed during an absence. There is a shelf with copies of each week's handouts in the classroom. All make-up work from an excused absence is due on the 3rd day back to school. An essay assigned before an absence is due the day the student returns. Posted tests or quizzes announced before the absence must be made up the 1st day back to school. Students cannot make up assignments, tests, or quizzes missed during an unexcused absence.

## Tardy Policy

Don't be late! 1st offense for every 9 weeks: class warning. Students sign tardy log as they enter class. 2nd offense: Teacher note to dean's office. 3rd offense: referral to dean's office.

## Expectations

Students are expected to follow the guidelines and procedures of the class. We will set group norms and review all rules in detail. A student may be asked to sign a discipline log to document minor infractions that tend to grow into bigger problems. Repeated infractions will result in consequences such as lost classroom privileges, parent emails or calls, and a dean's referral.

TYPICAL INFRACTIONS TO AVOID:

Defiance, disrupting lessons, excessive talking, eating, sleeping, destroying school property, throwing trash

Both parents and students should read this syllabus. Please sign the attached signature page and return it the first week of classes. Students should keep the document in their class binder for future reference.



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## ENGLISH I Period\_\_\_\_\_

GBHS school policy requires that parents/guardians and students read the course syllabus and sign acknowledging that they understand what is expected of the course. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the syllabus for English I and am aware of what is expected of me in this class. The class rules and expectations have been fully explained to me. Additionally, I realize that I will be responsible and accountable for any textbooks and novels associated with this course. If I lose or damage any of these, I agree to pay the price of replacement.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Also for parents: Movie Policy: I give my consent to G, PG, PG-13 rated movies (or clips of movies) that pertain to and reinforce literary criterion in English I. \_\_\_\_\_  
yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this because it will count as a grade.

