

## English I Syllabus

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### Course Description

This course will cover various grammar, writing, speech, vocabulary, and reading aspects. The students will demonstrate knowledge of English by applying concepts in a variety of writings, projects, and formal essays. We will read various short stories, novel excerpts, and possibly even full novels.

### Course Objectives and Standards

This course follows the ELA standards for English 9-10 set by the State of Tennessee. If you would like to look over them, please visit:

<https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/academic-standards/english-language-arts-standards.html>

### Units Planned

1. American Voices – What does it mean to be American?
2. Survival- What does it take to survive?
3. The Literature of Civil Rights- How can words inspire change?
4. Star-Crossed Romances- Do we determine our own destinies?
5. Journeys of Transformation- What can we learn from a journey?
6. World’s End- Why do we try to imagine the future?

### Grading System

A point system will be used to evaluate each student’s progress. All assignments will NOT equal 100 points. As a rule, quizzes and classwork will be worth 50 points; tests and writing assignments 100 points. Homework will be averaged as an additional grade. An exam at the end of semesters one and two will each be worth 15% of the overall grade for the semester. The TN Ready Assessment will count as 20% of the final grade for the course.

### Major Assignments

In addition to classwork, homework, and daily grades, students will be given various major assignments with AT LEAST TWO major assignments per unit. These assignments may be in the form of essays, tests, projects, etc.

### Class Requirements

Textbook: *My Perspectives Grade 9*

Pens, pencils, paper

School-Issued Computer

## **Classroom Expectations**

We will follow all MCBOE rules as well as all directives issued from the main office.

Class Norms:

- Be respectful.
  - Everyone shall give the person who has the floor his or her respect by paying attention and not talking. Respect yourself by doing your best. Respect the teacher by following directions.
  - Students will not retrieve their phones until the bell rings to end class unless the teacher has given permission or wants the students to use the phone for academic purposes. No one is to touch or check on phones during class.
- Be responsible.
  - Makeup work must be scheduled within three days of absence. Failure to show up for a scheduled makeup appointment will be excused one time a quarter. The second time it happens, a zero will go into the grade book. Unexcused late work will result in a 10% reduction in grade per school day.
  - Be prepared for class. This includes having reading and homework done on time. Contact me or a responsible student if you are absent to find out what you missed as well as what is due the next day.
- No excuses.

## **Technology and Phones**

Technology can be a distraction or used productively. Each student is expected to come to class with their laptop charged each day. Failure to have a laptop will not be a valid excuse for missed assignment. Students will have a login to various programs, which we will utilize in class often; these will primarily be accessed through Classlink. We will also utilize Microsoft Teams weekly. Personal computers are not acceptable.

Students are expected to have their phones and earbuds put away during class time unless given permission by the teacher. School policy will be followed for infractions.

## **Access to Instructional Materials**

Instructional materials can be accessed anytime through Savvas or Microsoft Teams.