

# Welcome to Mrs. Melton's English I Class

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## **Classroom Expectations/Rules**

- BE ON TIME
- BE PREPARED
- BE POLITE
- BE POSITIVE
- BE FLEXIBLE
- NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM
- NO CELL PHONE USE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM

## **Required Materials**

**Students will need the following materials for this class**

- highlighters (4 colors)
- loose-leaf paper
- one-subject spiral notebook (college-ruled)
- 1 folder with pockets (OR a notebook with a pocket)
- #2 pencils

## **Course Description**

**English I** is an introductory course in the subject of literature with a focus on writing. Students will read and analyze a variety of complex texts and write in response to the literature/text. Students will learn about the writing process in order to foster confidence in developing a written voice, use of mechanics, and enhanced vocabulary. This course will cover traditional grammar usage, study skills, library research, oral communication, literary analysis, close reading, vocabulary development, writing, and SAT/ACT preparation. The curriculum will focus on covering and understanding the scope of the Language Arts Florida Standards.

## **Classwork and Homework**

Classwork will be collected on a daily basis. This work will be graded, returned, and needs to be kept in your English folder. It is important to keep your graded work organized in your folder and notebook, because you will want to use it to study for quizzes, tests, and exams. Occasionally, you will be able to use your notes and assignments on tests and exams.

Students will have regular homework in order to prepare for the next day's class. Homework may reinforce skills taught in class that day or may be reading that will be discussed the next day. Regardless of the type of homework, students need to be responsible, complete assignments, and be prepared for each class.

## **Exam Policy**

Students will be required to take an exam at the end of each semester. The semester grade, including the weighting of the exam grade, will be calculated using the Charlotte County School District's Grade Matrix.

### **Grading Policy**

Grades are calculated using a total points system. Your grade will be determined by how many points you have earned out of the total possible points. All assignments are considered late if not turned in on the due date.

Failure to use your time wisely will not result in an extension of the assignment due date. Assignments that are received late will lose one letter grade per day:

1 day late=highest possible grade is 89%

2 days late=highest possible grade is 79%

3 days late=highest possible grade is 69%

4 or more days late=no credit

**NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED SECOND SEMESTER**

Students who are concerned with their progress should check FOCUS regularly for the most up-to-date grade information.

### **Absences and Tardies**

Students will have two days for each day missed from school to complete make-up work for **excused** absences (with the exception of long-term assignments). In the case of **unexcused** absences, **30%** will be deducted from the earned grade for make-up work. All absences are considered unexcused until the school receives written or oral explanation from the student's parent or guardian. **Students who are absent from school need to send their long-term assignments with a friend, turn them in on Google Classroom, or email them to my school email address: [melissa.slicker@yourcharlotteschools.net](mailto:melissa.slicker@yourcharlotteschools.net)**

### **Tardy Policy**

Students arriving late without a pass will be considered tardy and marked accordingly in FOCUS.

### **Leaving the Room during Class**

Students who need to leave the room for any reason will need to use the "Traffic Watch" electronic system to sign out before they leave the room, and sign back in upon returning. Restroom passes will be limited. Students may not go out to the parking lot for any reason.

### **Cell Phone Policy**

Students are not allowed to use their cell phones at any time during class without specific permission from the teacher. Students are expected to place their cell phones in the designated area at the start of class. Students may not get up during the class period to check their phones. Students who are unable to comply with this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Resources Available from Home**

All of the online resources used in class are available online from home, as well as school. To access these resources, please visit [www.lemonbayhigh.com](http://www.lemonbayhigh.com). Under "Quick Links," click on *CCPS Launchpad- ClassLink (to login to everything from school or home)*. Then log in to ClassLink with the same username and password used at school.