

English III

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Planning Period- 4th Block

Course Description:

- *Prerequisites: English I and English II.* This class follows the Tennessee State Standards for English III curriculum. English III is a course that seeks to integrate the standards of language, communication, writing, research, logic, media, and literature. Students will work to comprehend and produce a wide variety of texts, specifically focused on American Literature. The course will emphasize the communication and critical thinking skills that empower students to function effectively in a rapidly changing world.

Objectives/Standards:

- All standards taught can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/education/instruction/academic-standards.html>.

Classroom Expectations:

- Be on time
 - Attendance is necessary for you to learn and keep up with assignments. Please be on time, in your seat, and working on bellwork when the tardy bell rings.
- Be prepared
 - Having all necessary materials for class ensures that you can complete assignments in class and participate in discussions, etc.
 - According to county and school policy, cell phones and electronic devices must be out of sight during class time, so please have your phone on silent and put away. If this becomes an issue, you will be asked to leave your cell phone with the teacher until the class is dismissed (i.e. the bell rings). If the issue persists, your cell phone will be given to the front office (per the CHS handbook's "Student Use of Cellular Phones" policy.)
- Be respectful
 - Do not talk when your teacher or classmates are talking.
 - Keep the classroom clean and tidy. This includes throwing away trash in the trash can, etc. Food and drink are allowed in the classroom **unless** it becomes an issue with keeping the classroom orderly.

- **Do not** line up at the door before class is dismissed. This disrupts your classmate's learning and interrupts teaching. You may also miss an important announcement.

Grading Policy:

- The Claiborne County grading scale is as follows:
 - 90-100 = A
 - 80-89 = B
 - 70-79 = C
 - 60-69 = D
 - 0-59 = F
- The grade for each grading period will be weighted as follows within the class:
 - Test/Projects/Essays 40%
 - Homework/Quizzes 40%
 - Bellwork/Attendance 20%
 - Bellwork will be turned in every two weeks (week that Attendance is not due). If you are absent, you may get bellwork from a classmate. Each day you will receive two (2) points for bellwork. If only half of the bellwork is completed, one (1) point will be deducted. If you do not have bellwork for a particular day, you will receive a zero (0) for that day. Attendance will be due every two weeks (week that Bellwork is not due). I will take attendance each day and keep tabs on who is absent, tardy, etc. Each day you will receive two (2) points for attendance. If you are tardy, one (1) point will be deducted. If you are absent, you will receive a zero (0) for that day.
 - Extra Credit- Opportunities will be offered at different times during the semester, including the after-school Cine-lit movies.
 - Final Exam- The final exam for the class will be 10% of the overall final grade.

Materials:

- Students will need the following items:
 - Pencil or Pen (blue or black ink only)
 - Paper (Separate from notebook/composition notebook; Can be either college or wide-ruled)
 - Binder (Can be any size)
 - Notebook/Composition Notebook
 - Chromebook (Provided by the School)

- Flash Drive (Optional)

Make-Up and Missing Assignments:

- Students are allowed to complete missed assignments resulting from **excused absences**. Students are responsible for collecting their missed assignments. Late work will be accepted up to three days, but it will be penalized 20% of the points possible. After three days, late work **will not** be accepted.
- Students who receive a one on any of the components graded on a formal paper will be allowed to rewrite the paper. The due date for the rewrite will be arranged between the teacher and the student.
- If a student fails a test, they will have the opportunity to take the test up to two more times, as long as they are showing progress. This can be done before or after school unless otherwise stated. Students will have one week to take the retake.
- Due dates will be given in class and posted on the board each week. In the case of long-term projects, such as the research paper, a handout will be provided that will list all projected due dates.
- Any student who has a question on an assignment may come before school or after school to receive help. Students may also email the teacher via the school email or using the Remind app.

Cheating/Plagiarism:

- Cheating and plagiarism constitute academic dishonesty and will not be tolerated. If either of these occurs, the incident will, generally, be handled as part of the course grading process. The penalty will range from no credit for the assignment up to an “F” grade for the course.

Reading Discretion:

- Students will be reading a variety of content. Reader discretion is advised. Titles include, but are not limited to:
 - *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*
 - *The Scarlet Letter*
 - *They Called Us Enemy*
 - Early American Literature (Speeches, etc.)
 - American Romanticism (Poe, Whitman, Dickinson)
- If you would like your child to complete an alternative assignment to any literature we read, please contact me with questions or concerns within the first month of school.

I reserve the right to modify these guidelines at any time, if necessary.

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****If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's grades, please do not hesitate to contact me at (423) 626- 3532 or email me at bethany.coke@claibornecsd.org. Messages will be responded to within 48 hours during the workweek. All communications sent on the weekend will be responded to during the workweek.**

This portion is meant to be returned to Mrs. Coke. By signing below, you are certifying that you have read and understood the rules and requirements for the English III course. (This will be the first grade for the class.)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Please use the space below to provide any additional information that you would like me to know about your child. How can I better support your child in my classroom?
