ENGLISH I SYLLABUS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

To ensure that our students are college and career ready, the teacher will utilize the following strategies in the English I classroom: analysis of complex texts, use of Cornell notes, utilization of Costa’s questions, argumentative writing, Socratic Seminars, and Philosophical Chairs. These strategies will facilitate and support organizational and critical thinking skills inside, as well as outside the classroom.

CLASS RULES & BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

1. Follow all directions
2. Be seated and working on bell work when the bell rings
3. Be prepared with pen, pencil and paper daily
4. No name calling, checking, harassing or bullying
5. No food, drink, grooming, headwear or electronics
6. Raise your hand to be recognized

Students are expected to follow all rules and procedures set forth by the teacher, as well as maintain appropriate classroom behavior. When a student does not follow these guidelines, the teacher will issue consequences following Cordova High School’s Progressive Discipline policies.

PLAGIARISM/CHEATING

Plagiarism, taking another person’s work or ideas and presenting them as one’s own, will not be tolerated. Because plagiarism is considered stealing, the student will receive a zero on the assignment. Cheating on any assignment will also result in zeros for all guilty parties.

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\*I have read and understand the rules, procedures, and consequences in English I class.

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Parent Signature Student Name **(PRINT)**

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Parent Contact Number and Email Student Signature

**Parent FAQ’s**

1. **What is the class grading scale?**
* Homework 10%
* Participation 5%
* Classwork 35%
* Portfolio/ Presentation 10%
* Assessments 40%
1. **What are your homework policies?**
* Most of my homework is on the CommonLit website. Other homework may be given as needed.
1. **What are your makeup work guidelines?**
* Makeup work for an absence- Students must get their makeup work from my website <https://mcdermottenglish1.weebly.com/> and sign the log in class.
* They should look in the absent student folder for copies and on the calendar to see if anything was collected for a grade. It is the student’s responsibility to get and turn in their work. Students must make their work up in a reasonable amount of time (absent 1 day= 2 days to makeup).
1. **What are your tutoring days/hours?**
* For students that need additional help, my tutoring days are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15-3:30.
1. **How do I keep track of my student’s grades and assignments?**
* Please use PowerSchool to check your child’s grades once a week.
* My website will include daily assignments and activities.
1. **What supplies are needed for your class?**
2. Black and white composition notebook
3. Blue, green, and yellow highlighters
4. Blue or black pens
5. Notebook paper
6. 100 index cards
7. Glue sticks
8. Dictionary