

English III—American Lit & Composition
2018-19 Rights and Responsibilities
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English3

Course Description: English III is a yearlong class that continues the integration of reading, writing, and critical thinking skills as you study the language and literature of America. The class will be closely linked to your concurrent study of American history. You will read numerous novels and write descriptive, narrative, expository, persuasive, and literary analysis essays utilizing MLA format. In addition, we will focus on various aspects of career planning to explore the opportunities available to you after graduation. We'll continue to add to your career portfolios, work with SDMyLife, hear guest speakers, read literature of the workplace, and prepare for the numerous junior level standardized tests which all have career planning components (ASVAB, PSAT, ACT). You will have the opportunity to job shadow, and you'll prepare a presentation based on your job shadow experience and on library and online research in that field. **The job shadow paper, resume, job shadow presentation, thank you letter, career portfolio, and research paper are REQUIRED elements for passing this course.**

Expectations:

- √ Be in class each day and be prepared to participate in all class activities.
- √ Please don't ask to leave class the first 10 or last 10 minutes of class.
- √ Check your email REGULARLY! **I email a lot of important reminders.** The Career Link coordinator emails all of your shadow details. I also use the Remind app regularly.
- √ Bring a positive attitude, charged laptop, pen and novel to class daily.
- √ Laptops and earbuds will be used for educational purposes only. WCHS Acceptable Use and Laptop policies call for no food or beverages near your laptops, NO GAMES, no downloads, no streaming audio/video. My expectation is that your computer is off when your teacher is on. Laptop use is a privilege, not a right. Follow school policy; abuse it...lose it! Earbuds may be used ONLY during quiet reading time, NOT during independent online grammar practice time. It's about **deep work and concentration**. As college students and adults, you'll need to unplug at times so you can focus on completing a task **without distraction**. That is a learned skill that we have to teach and model and practice.
- √ Cell phones: power down, put away. If I see it, I'll take it. You may never leave my room for the bathroom, locker or anywhere else unless your phone is in the cell hotel on my desk.
- √ Deadlines: All assignments must be completed ON TIME. Daily online assignments/quizzes must be submitted IN CLASS. In the English department late daily assignments are automatically docked 50% unless you have an excused absence. Major essays are deducted at 5% per day. ALL MAJOR PAPERS and projects including Research Paper and Job Shadow presentation MUST BE completed TO PASS THE SEMESTER. In the English department late daily assignments are automatically docked 50% unless you have an excused absence. Assignments will not be accepted more than one day after they are due. Major essays are deducted at 5% per day. **ALL MAJOR PAPERS and projects including Research Paper and Job Shadow presentation MUST BE completed TO PASS THE SEMESTER.**
- √ Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a grade of zero (0) for all parties involved. Plagiarism will be handled this year through the Turnitin Software.
- √ Make-up work: If you have been absent, see me and check the on-line assignment board carefully. Everything you need to know for class every day is there! This is YOUR responsibility. I won't chase you down or remind you to hand work in. According to school policy, you have two days for each day absent to make up an assignment, after which a grade of zero (0) will be recorded.
- √ Do NOT line up at the door before the bell rings. **PLEASE remain IN YOUR SEAT until the bell rings.**
- √ Tardy=Detention
- √ Leaving the room. You must get your planner signed to leave the room. Only one out at time and only for emergencies. Keep it short. Remember, no leaving without leaving cell phone on my desk!
- √ Behavior: **RESPECT** yourself, your peers, your teacher, your school, the computers and the subject matter. Rudeness and disrespect directed toward ANYONE in the class WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- √ Good Taste: All work presented in this class--written, spoken, recorded, computer-generated--MUST be in good taste and expressed in appropriate language.

Grading: While I will provide some of your instruction in class, a majority of your learning will depend upon independent practice, student presentations, collaboration, library and computer research. Your grade will be based on daily assignments, tests, quizzes, essays, and career preparedness activities.

