Student Name _____ Block _____ Date _____

# 2019-2020 English I

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4 Remind app chat

## Remind Text Alerts

Sign up for class text alerts to receive updates on homework, tests, quizzes, and other important due dates. Download the Remind App to be able to chat with me for help.




Text the number 81010 and compose a message with your class code below.

3rd Block: @393fdf

## Required Class Materials

- ❑ 1 inch binder with clear protective sleeve
- ❑ Pack of 5 dividers with pockets (Notes, Graded Work, Vocabulary, Annotated Reading, Writer's Toolbox)
- ❑ Pencil pouch for English binder only
- ❑ Pens—black, blue, red
- ❑ mechanical pencils
- ❑ erasers



- ❑ Multi-colored highlighters
- ❑ Thin post-it tabs for marking pages
- ❑ ½ package of college-ruled notebook paper
- ❑ 1 composition book (**except 4th block**)




**Extra credit:** 1 box of tissues and a bottle of hand-sanitizer!

## Grades

**Tests, Research papers, projects/presentations, essays, etc.** — MAJOR — **60%**

**Daily work, journals, homework, quizzes, etc.** — MINOR — **40%**

* Grades are available on **Skyward.**

- Please check Skyward **regularly,** and feel free to ask me any questions that you might have about a particular grade. I make mistakes, so this is your opportunity to make sure everything is correct! ***Grades are not always posted right away and will not be discussed during class.**
- If you do not have a student login, you can get one from the **library.**

## Rules & Expectations

### 1 BE RESPECTFUL

**⇒Refrain from talking, and direct your attention to the teacher or student who is sharing information.**
**⇒Stay awake and participate in class discussions.**
**⇒Take care of classroom materials and pick up after yourself.**
**⇒Be positive and helpful.**

### 2 BE RESPONSIBLE

**⇒Get to class BEFORE the bell rings, and begin working on bell work.**
**⇒Come to class prepared (binder, homework, supplies).**
**⇒Keep all notes and assignments until you are advised to recycle them.**
**⇒Cell phones must be silenced and placed in a backpack unless given permission to use for academic purposes. Any cell phone that is visible and/or in use without permission, will be turned into the front office.**

# Attendance & Late-Work Policy

**BE RESPONSIBLE & ACCOUNT -ABLE**

**1** You are allowed <u>four</u> absences per nine week period. On the <u>fifth</u> absence, credit for the course is LOST, and students must attend Saturday school to regain the credit.




**2** If you are absent, it is your responsibility to email me to find out what you missed, and see the "While You Were Out" section of the room for copies of handouts.

**3** <u>Make Up Work</u>: If you were absent, you may make up work if it is an EXCUSED ABSENCE ONLY. Any missing assignment will be entered as a ZERO *until* it is turned in and an excuse is submitted to the office.

**4** <u>Late Work and Point Deductions</u>:

<u>Pre-AP</u>--No late work for MINOR grades will be accepted; however, late work for MAJOR grades will be allowed with a penalty of 15 points per day up to two days.

<u>English I--</u> Late work for MINOR and MAJOR grades will be accepted with a penalty of 10 points per day up to three days.

# Policies & Consequences



## Deadlines

Part of your success in this class is adhering to assigned deadlines. With that said, I understand that sometimes, LIFE HAPPENS! **You must come talk to me or email me about extenuating circumstances *in advance* in order to receive an extension.** You may not come in five minutes before class without your assignment, expecting an extension.



## Behavior Issues

**1st offense:**
Warning

**2nd offense:**
Teacher/student Conference

**3rd offense:**
Parent communication

**4th offense:**
Office referral

*Note: An **extreme** offense will result in an automatic office referral.

## Cell phone violations



**1st offense:**
Confiscation with documented warning. Student may pick up at the end of the day.

**2nd offense:**
24 hour confiscation, Parent pick-up, and $15.00 fine

**3rd offense:**
48 hour confiscation, parent pick-up, and $20.00 fine

**4th offense and after:**
48 hour confiscation, parent pick-up, and $25 fine. (No EXCEPTIONS)

# Plagiarism

## What is it, and how can I avoid it?

Plagiarism is defined as taking a person's ideas and/or writings and passing them off as one's own. Students who plagiarize will be given a ZERO for the assignment and behavioral consequences may occur if the student is a repeat offender.

**Plagiarism includes...**

**1** **Turning in** someone else's work as your own

**2** **Copying** someone's work and turning it in as your own or allowing someone else to copy your work

**3** Failing to correctly **cite** a source

- The teacher will notify administrators and contact parents if cheating is suspected.
- The student will be given a **ZERO** for that particular assignment or test.
- Students involved in cheating may be excluded from any/all school activities if administrators so choose.

# English I Contract Agreement

**I have read and understand the rules and expectations for English I. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact my teacher if I have any questions or concerns. I know that this syllabus, assignments, calendars, and resources are available on the teacher website for me to access.**

**Date** _____

**X** _____ STUDENT SIGNATURE

**X** _____ PARENT SIGNATURE