

CLASS SYLLABUS

-English II-

HELENA HIGH SCHOOL: 2023-2024

- Course - DESCRIPTION

This class will focus on a variety of writing styles and reading of fiction and nonfiction texts. Each unit will be guided by an essential question touching upon a year-long-central theme: If there are many challenges to being a good person, then why should we try?

Unit Themes:

- 1: Influence
- 2: Conformity
- 3: Bravery
- 4: Identity
- 5: Rhetoric
- 6: Injustice

CLASSROOM & BENGAL

- Expectations -

Students are expected to follow classroom rules and procedures as well as school-wide policies for behavior.

- Be Respectful -

- Honor the opinions and beliefs of others.
- **NO PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE IN CLASS.**
- Food and drink (other than water with a lid) is not permitted in the classroom.
- Treat the classroom and its contents with care.
- Classroom materials, including novels, are not permitted to leave the classroom without express permission from an instructor.

- Be Responsible -

- Arrive on time and be prepared. You will need a 1 ½" - 2" binder, a writing utensil, 8 divider tabs, loose leaf/notebook paper, and three highlighters.
- Ask for assistance if you do not understand what is expected of you in class or on an assignment.
- Please limit your time out of the classroom during class time. Use the restroom between classes.
- Absences: It is YOUR responsibility to see a teacher about makeup work.



- Be Involved -

- Contribute to class discussions.
- We will establish class norms at the beginning of the year to help ensure a respectful, safe, and comfortable learning environment for all students.
- Ms. Clark & Mrs. Svingen are always ready to support each student's educational and social-emotional needs; please message either or both of us if you need help or have concerns.



About the Teachers

Hi! My name is Jenna Clark. I love to talk literature and deep ideas, especially if the topic is history or future possibilities. My favorite genres are sci-fi, fantasy, and mystery. I'm mom of two human children, plus two dogs, three cats, and six chickens. I like gardening, baking, and listening to true crime and history podcasts.

Reading
Recommendations:
Sci-Fi, especially
Kurt Vonnegut's
Slaughterhouse Five



Hello! My name is Lacy Svingen. This is my 9th year teaching at HHS. I am passionate about reading and literacy. When I'm not at school, I am busy with my family, which includes my husband, 14-year-old son, 12-year-old daughter, our mini-schnauzer, Hattie, and Cairn terrier, Gus. I love reading and gardening.



Reading
Recommendations
Educated by Tara
Westover & *She's
Come Undone* by
Wally Lamb

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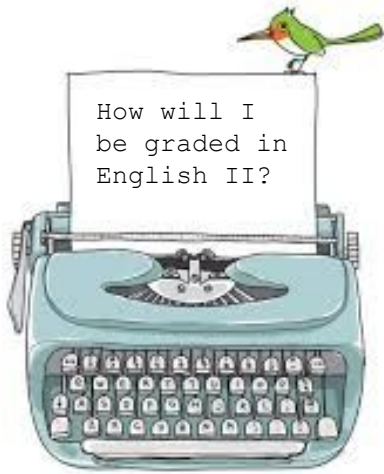
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- *Be a Graduate* -



English II is graded in the following three categories:

Practice:

New skills, standards, and content that students are learning for the first time. The intention is to practice to gain proficiency.

- Examples of practice work are graphic organizers, grammar practice, introductory assignments, etc.
- Accounts for **10%** of the overall grade.

Formative:

Evaluating the students' knowledge as they learn. This is a method of on-going assessment and it involves questions and exercises to help monitor learner progress during the course.

- Examples of formative work are essay rough drafts, quick write assignments, and class discussions.
- Accounts for **30%** of the overall grade.

Summative:

Assessments administered at the end of an instructional unit. These assessments are intended to evaluate student learning by comparing performance to a standard or benchmark.

- Examples of summative assessments are final drafts of essays, cumulative projects, and final grammar and vocabulary assessments.
- Accounts for **60%** of the overall grade.

Grading Scale

A Range 90%-100%
B Range 80%-89%
C Range 70%-79%
D Range 60%-69%
F 0-59%

Late Work

- Formative and summative assignments will be accepted and graded up to **FIVE** school days beyond the final date of the unit.
- No late work will be graded for practice assignments.



Academic Honesty

- This class is about developing your own original voice and writing. Plagiarism (including AI) will earn you a zero and will result in a referral to building administration.



I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of this class and its associated course work.

Student Name (Printed)

Student Signature/Date

Parent Signature/Date