

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 Teacher

Hello! My name is Lacy Svingen. This is my 9th year teaching at HHS. I am passionate about reading and literacy. I have an English undergraduate degree and a master's degree in reading. When I'm not at school, I am busy with my family, which includes my husband, our 14-year-old son, our 12-year-old daughter, a mini-schnauzer, Hattie, and a Cairn terrier, Gus. As a family, we enjoy rafting and mountain biking in the summer and skiing in the winter. I am excited about this school year and getting to know all of you.



Reading Recommendations
Educated by Tara Westover, *She's Come Undone* by Wally Lamb, and *One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow* by Olivia Hawker.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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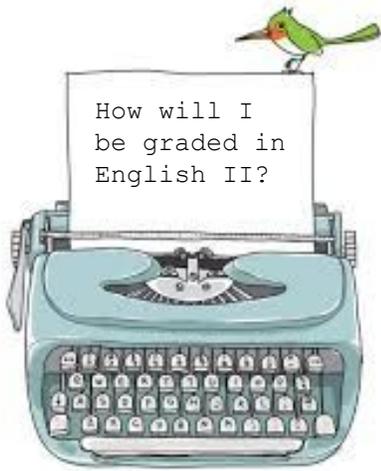
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- *Be a Graduate* -



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%

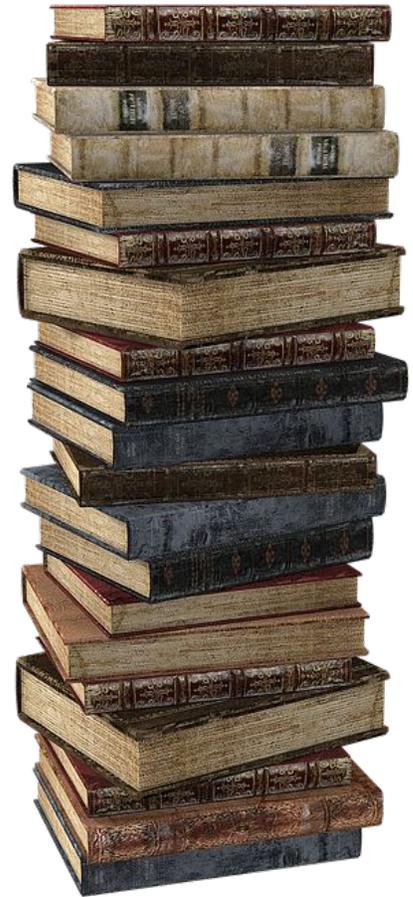
Late Work

- 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